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BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN OF BARROWFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL - BUT THEY DID NOT FIND THEIR OLD TEACHERS WAITING FOR THEM.

Instead, their own parents are doing the teaching. The parents took over the teaching after Strathclyde Region refused to pay for the qualified staff. Since funds ran out last Xmas the teaching staff had been unable to draw any pay.

They worked for 6 months while on the dole but when the summer came they couldn't prolong the situation any longer. The school would have certainly closed if the parents had not stepped in.

Mrs. Molly Johnstone, whose daughter Jeanette attends the school, told GPP reporters how shocked she was when she heard

SPECIAL REPORT

that the school might close. Jeanette was getting on well at the Community school & Mrs Johnstone was sure that her work would suffer if she was forced back to the Secondary State School.

Barrowfield was set up 4 years ago as an ALTERNATIVE to State schooling. The parents were unhappy about the education their children were getting. So they approached some people at Jordanhill Teacher Training College and asked them to help set up a community 'free school'.

BARROWFIELD SCHOOL

PARENTS TAKEOVER

The key to the success of Barrowfield Community School is the way in which everyone is totally involved. The kids themselves help to run the school. A maths lesson is likely to involve doing the school accounts or adding up the cost of their latest fund raising activity. The chance to improve their English comes through writing the Newsletter.

A lot of teaching is done in the community or 'on the job' rather than in the classroom. The kids are involved in a variety of community projects including the local nursery and playscheme.

Each kid is an individual and there is a lot of emphasis placed on the particular needs of each kid. A high premium is put on finding out what type of work the kids are interested in, teaching them the relevant subjects - job experience on a day release basis included - and finding them a suitable job when they leave school.

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AS WE SEE IT...

Glasgow Peoples press exists to provide a real alternative to the establishment press.

It will investigate and comment honestly on the forces that shape our lives at home and at work. It will also expose the real problems that working men and women face, and publicise the activities of those trying to do something constructive to help them.

We at the GPP will assist workers in their struggles in a positive manner, by providing use of duplicators, typewriters, publicity, manpower, and where possible advice and financial donations. Although we may offer our assistance, we will not attempt to control or take over workers struggles. Workers should take over their own situations, make their own decisions without outside interference.

GPP will also be keeping a close eye on the political situation, both nationally and locally. So councillors, M.P.s, political parties, and all in authority...BEWARE! We are out to expose you.

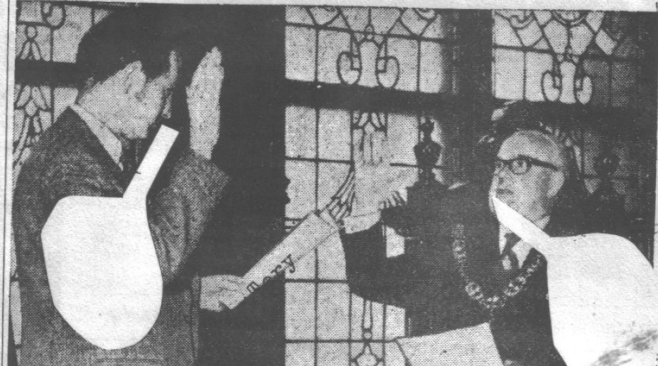
What does GPP stand for? Well, we are for independent action, decision-making by all participants, whether in tenants struggles, fares, workplaces, womens & kids issues, in schools & colleges, or whether against consumer society and its supermarts (for liberation) & 'entertainment' etc. We are keen for others to join us, if in agreement with our outlook.

Above all, GPP is your platform to air your views, and to say what you really want to about your own situation. GPP really means what it says THIS IS THE GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS ? YOUR PRESS - so lets be hearing from you.

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ENTRIES CARE OF THE SOURCE -
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FIRST PRIZE - A YRS SUB TO G.P.P.



The new Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr David Hodge, receiving his oath of office from Councillor Jack Richmond at the City Chambers yesterday.

2nd CLASS TRIP

Chock-a-block on the holiday train
We're shifting and sweating
cursing in the 2nd class
tongues hanging out to catch some passing breeze
the kids can't breathe
The toilets always engaged
it must be better some-where -
further up the train
we shift and stumble
and squeeze and - pop!
An air-conditioned paradise,
a 1st class oasis..
invasion time
- we swing cats
and the kids go mad
with freedom
and the ticket inspector
can't believe his bug-eyes
Honest, we laugh,
we thought it was the
2nd class overspill.



HEY-YOU!

Get on to the G P P wavelength at our WEEKLY Readers Meetings in the GORDON lounge
Bar, Mitchell St., near Buchanan St.
Pedestrian Precinct, EVERY TUESDAY at 7.30. You've been warned !



COMPLIMENTION



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One ex-pupil now works as a scaffolder and another is taking a college course in boat building.

The kids are not forced to attend or bullied into doing their work at the Community school. They do the work because they are interested and can understand the relevance of their lessons.

The teaching is based on a personal relationship between teacher & pupil. Mr. Roddy Thomson, a former teacher at the school told us, "We've never had to bother about discipline".

Just recently unemployed tradesmen from Barrowfield redecorated and rewired the school with the aid of a Job Creation grant.

The parents have also played an active part in deciding what is taught and deciding on how the school is to be run. NOW they have it all to do. As a vital part of Barrowfield community, kids & parents are not going to let their school die.

NAKED FREE

WHY should we feel shocked at the sight of other people unclothed?

How can this be a 'free country' when people are brought up to feel insecure or threatened by naked people?

On the beach and other areas of social life, the restrictive Victorian hangovers that sex is 'dirty' are being challenged. The 'moralists' in seeing even their own bodies in this way are reducing people to the role of sexual objects when clothes are discarded. WHY should any group of people have the power to inhibit you & your kids?



SCHOOL'S OUT

PUPILS IN SCHOOL STREAMING FLOOD

Another indication of how 'fair' Comprehensive education is can be seen in the extension of streaming in Possilpark Sec. School.

The old system of 4 basic differentiations of ability & inclination to 'study' have been extended to 9, yes 9! This new system is the product of 'expert' opinion by School GUIDANCE staff in liason with primary teachers.

The school at Possil will now have different systems operating in the 1st 3 yrs, with the occupation geared 5 class divisions for 'non-academic' pupils coming into being for the 3rd yr. The only plus-mark is in the merger of boys & girls in



single classroom units.

This new trend could be happening elsewhere, the GPP would like info. on this & anything else that passes for teaching.

ONE IN THE EYE

Again at Possil, the extension of classes from 8 to 9 has posed a problem for the school administration. The influence the 'one-eye' (television) seems to have been singled out for counter-action. The 9th class will be called 1J and not 1I!

SCHOOLS OUT.

New subversive school mag. from Leeds. Pupils can get one free by simply sending a stamped addressed envelope to:-

SCHOOLS OUT,
c/o 153 Woodhouse Lane,
Leeds 2.

Why not take a bundle or produce a Glasgow edition?

obtained for the cost of

a stamped, addressed envelope. We need money, materials and

GARTRENICH, NEAR GLASGOW, is owned by a group of young people who are rebuilding it in their spare time. To the kids who use it, it is a paradise, a place of endless grass and fields, a place you don't want to leave; to the adults, it is a release, a change, an investment of time and labour, it is something they see evolving, something that the kids and adults are making evolve.

About nine years ago, a group of young people formed an ecumenical group OPUS (One Purpose United In Service). They leased an old, dilapidated farmhouse with about five acres of ground aiming to turn it into a plush religious retreat. To cut a long story short, they couldn't find the money, and the group dispersed. A few of the original group rescued the idea, and the lease, and kept it ticking over for a couple of years, during which it was used in its spartan state by various groups who couldn't find anywhere better. From these groups, a nucleus of committed people grew, and with it, the feeling that the place could provide a lot more.

A solar roof over our heads

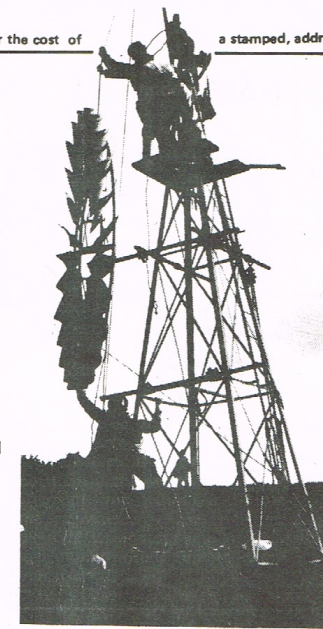
The first step was obvious. To cater for the numbers using the farmhouse, electricity was needed, and so the house was re-wired. We then repaired the holes in the sitting-room walls and decorated the front room.

Encouraged by this comparative luxury, and lulled by our new-found warmth, we began to dream of things like a leak-free roof. It was winter and we weren't too keen on working outside, so there was a lot of time for questions like: what is the purpose of a roof? and is all this effort worth it, just to keep out the rain? The problems of getting kids to wash when there was no running water, never mind hot water, was the subject of a long and heated argument, which suddenly stopped when someone mentioned a solar roof. It made sense, here was the chance to do something more than keep the rain out!

The idea was eventually accepted as those in the group who believed in the idea, offered to do the work. A not-insignificant task, since this also involved putting in cold water tanks and plumbing the house. Finally it was done, by begging and even buying the materials, reading books and talking to people, we got a flat plate trickle system working — one of the first fully operational panels in Scotland.

The merits of being poor

Because we couldn't afford full-size glass sheets, we used glass left over from an old greenhouse. Greenhouse-style glazing has unexpected merits: the underside of the glass is easy to clean, and it is very cheap to replace a broken pane — it



OPUS

'Freedom is a word I seldom use, without thinking'. And so it is when John Hosie tells us about Gartrenich Farm, and the sense of freedom people have found while restoring it, adapting it to Alternative Technology, and making it available for impoverished city-kids to taste the country-life. But all is not idyllic; there is hard work to be done, and mud a-plenty . . .

isn't so easy to stop kids playing football.

So now we have hot water during the summer when large numbers of people use the place. We had also convinced some of the less-adventurous members of the group that AT is useful and doesn't take a lot of skill or money. In fact, the whole thing had given a lot of people a lot of fun.

Our success encouraged us to look at our next big problem — pumping all the water for up to forty people by hand from the well, which is about four hundred metres from the house. The idea of a wind-pump came up, and lo and behold, one day on a walk across the moor, we found an old disused multi-vane windpump. A few questions, a chat with the farmer, and after a little negotiation, we bought it for the scrap value. There was only one snag: the twenty-five foot chunk of metal had to be moved within a month, namely in four weekends.

First dismantle your windpump

Despair is a powerful force, and in this case, it was combined with fashion — all our friends were interested in windmills, probably because we forgot to mention muddy fields, hard work and our not being sure how to dismantle and transport the thing eight miles by road to Gartrenich.

Well, we got between fifteen and twenty people there for two weekends; borrowed ropes, pulleys, hammers, scaffolding, hard hats, safety harnesses and eye protection; persuaded a friend to bring his car and trailer; and on a wet September morning, arrived at the base of the windpump — in a muddy field, at the bottom of a hill a good quarter of a mile away from the nearest road.

Two people perched at the top of the tower in the rain trying to persuade the others that just another heave on the rope would get this bit off. That became more doubtful when friction in the pulley system broke the rope and fifteen people sat down, rather heavily, in the mud.

In the end, everything was removed from the top of the tower. That took all one weekend. The next Saturday, we lowered the tower and carried it very slowly up the hill to the trailer, and thence, with some careful driving, to the farm. The bits are now lying, like giant conversation pieces, waiting the warmer weather to give us the courage to put them back together.

Building a community

We live in a world becoming increasingly aware of dwindling resources yet which ignores, and in some cases, suppressed its greatest resource: the potential existing within every person. At Gartrenich, we seek to build a community, and that requires the involvement of all who use it, using all their experience and skills, and hopefully bringing out some of their hidden potential. Because the farm is being built by those who use it, the appropriateness of the technology used becomes a prerequisite for its inclusion within Gartrenich. Moving the windpump required fifteen people to turn up on two wet September weekends, keeping them there working all day was a stiff test of how appropriate it was.

The technology we use is simple enough for anyone from an overweight sales rep. to the most bemused kid from the Gorbals to participate. This participation gives us all a stake, an investment in the community. Our technology is not new, the windpump is thirty years old, and one of the group remembers seeing a solar collector in Cyprus over twenty years ago; yet it does provide an alternative to the impersonal technology which pervades industry and society today.

THE PUNK PRESS

The emergence of PUNK Rock has been greeted by the media with the usual flood of self-righteous "SHOCK HORROR" type stories. Another aspect of the New Wave has, however, gone almost unnoticed by the 'tits, bums & scandal' brigade - and that is the mushrooming growth of a Punk Press.

Alienated from both the straight Press & Rock Press, it soon became obvious to the punks that there was only one way they could read what they wanted, and that was to write it themselves. So they did.

about the local scene (non-existent at the time), but on relatively well known bands like The Damned, Iggy & the Stooges, and Johnathon Richman & the Modern Lovers.

Tony D. and his fellow conspirator, the Skid Kid, had managed to start something though. For example, 2 fanzines have appeared over the past couple of weeks, Crash Bang Comic no.2 & Trash-77 no.3.

For me, Crash Bang is the more interesting. It has a very imaginative (ie. unreadable) layout, and concentrates on the local bands, which shows the way things

The editors of Trash-77 are aware of what is happening to Punk. Just as Punk is in the process of being taken over by the Musak Machine, the Punk Press is being taken over. "The smaller fanzines have become more important now, since some other mags. have taken a big step forward and the writers are now millionaires who are writing publicity handouts for groups they are working closely with and also have the cheek to charge 30p for it".

So it looks as if the Punks haven't really changed anything. Just as they did



In November of last year the 1st Scottish Punk FANZINE appeared, entitled Ripped & Torn. In an article entitled "My excuse for this Self-indulgent Escapade", editor Tony D. (18) explained why he had started to write: "If it's the only way to read my views on the Punk Scene, well I suppose it'll do".

Productionwise, the paper was very straightforward. There were just 10 sheets, 1 staple, 2 photos & handwritten or sometimes typed articles. These weren't

have changed since Nov.'76.

Scotland now has its own bands playing and recording for their own labels. The SAINTS drummer is quoted in Crash Bang as saying that local band, the JOLT (now signing for Polydor?), are "our fave British group".

Trash-77 isn't so interesting, mainly because the content is out of date and the layout is conventional. It deals mainly with the RAMONES/ Television concert -s in May this year.

ten years ago with the Hippies, the Establishment is finding that it can come to terms with (and make money out of) the New Wave revolt. They soon learn how to take the SYMBOLIS of the Revolt and use them for their own ends. (See Bruce's Record Shop's fanzine, Cripes, or any record company advertisement using TORN LETTERING). The symbols of Revolt become another supermart commodity.

What is important, though, is that, for the 1st time at
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JOB CREATION NEW SENSATION

job creation labour on fixed pay scales have been used as a substitute for qualified trade unionised labour.

Job creation is also associated with projects to provide graduates with employment. One of the larger schemes is that of the School Librarians, non-qualified & on a fixed pay-scale of 35 p.w. (after deductions). Opposition by Unions such as the Educational Institute of Scotland has meant that the new crop will be either out of work librarians or teachers.

Public service unions such as NALGO & NUPE are also worried about job creation. To date, about two-thirds of the projects involve local authority employment, but so far they have shunned direct opposition to the projects.

The new scheme will try and encourage more job creation projects in private industry. This will reverse the trend so far established whereby most projects were geared to forms of community service rather than commodity production.

The 'breakthrough' will happen because of large cash incentives of £10 p.w. for every school-leaver they employ. No doubt many youngsters will find it difficult to understand why the £10 was not added to their meagre dole money.

However, Mr (polling) Booth intends that school-leavers should

have some experience of what 'work' means. So, no doubt many of the jobs will be menial, boring and include plenty experience of being pushed around by foremen and line managers.

On the other hand, in many cases the school-leavers would be better on the dole. £16 is hardly a living wage, even if it does seem like a 'fortune' to youngsters who have never had much money of their own.

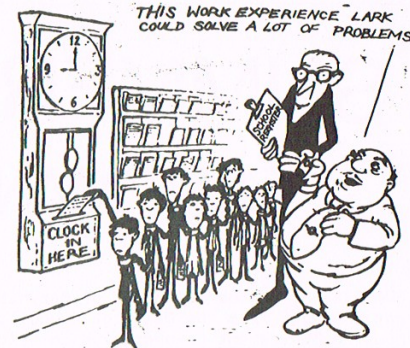
Young people are always given the degrading jobs which no one else will take. Young girls in particular, have always had long, hard days

for mere 'pin money'. At least on the dole you are free to get involved in something of your own making.

The scheme is not intended to solve the economic 'crisis'. Job creation will only affect about one in 9 or 10 of those on the dole in Scotland. The Government knows only too well that a 'full employment' policy does not suit their plans to police the

res' demands and thus boost 'investment' (euphemism for profits).

The 'crisis' is State-managed and job creation is first and foremost a political ploy to contain potentially sensitive areas such as Clydeside. Unemployment of nearly 200,000 in Scotland is the economic stick and job creation is a political carrot.



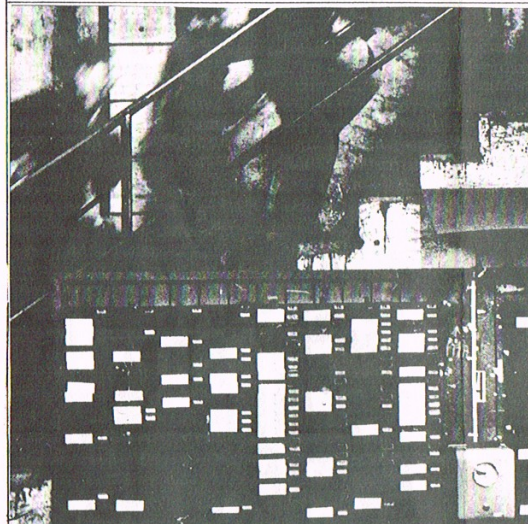
CO-OP CARVE-UP

There are signs that even an area like Possil cannot escape from the hands of the unscrupulous creeps in the City Chambers in George Square. The Co-operative giant, with many stores and supermarkets throughout Scotland now has planning permission to build a big new supermarket in Barloch St, Possilpark, complete with car park and loading bay. This plan appears to have been rushed through the various channels without letting the ordinary people in Possil know what was going on. Also it's no secret that the local Labour councillor sat on the Planning Committee that passed the planning permission, or that during the last election the co-op gave the same councillor the use of a shop in Saracen St, from which he ran his election campaign.

At the same time this same councillor, along with some local tenants associations, Police etc, are against the opening of an open air market which just

happens to be located in the same vicinity as the new Co-op supermarket. Is the Co-op scared of a bit of competition on their door step (practically)?

Various arguments have been put forward against the proposed market such as it would encourage kids to steal from the stalls, that it would cause litter problems, obstruction from vans etc. However the same could be said for the shops in the nearby Saracen Street, who leave bags of rubbish lying in the street, and whose delivery vans often obstruct parts of the street. The market would benefit the locals with cheaper food and clothing. Yet this benefit is totally ignored by our so called representatives. Now is the time for the Possil folk to let those in power know what they want. CHEAPER FOOD OR FANCY BUILDINGS AND A MONOPOLY BY THE CO-OPERATIVE - ITS UP TO YOU!!!



BOARDING HOUSES

In the past few years some projects have proved useful to communities (especially in the Highlands) and the people involved had a lot of control & autonomy in the work they did. The new policy is in the opposite direction as the powers that be have decided to gear the scheme to profits and bureaucracy.

CONCLUSION

The new job creation scheme may provide a few interesting jobs which is better than being on the dole. The community may reap some benefit in terms of social service.

The allocation of houses by the Council has always been an area for controversy, but no more than at present.

The straight press has been exposing corruption in Clive House, something ordinary people have long suspected. How inhuman their bureaucratic system is, and people on their waiting lists know this too well.

The GPP wants to expose the situation so that people struggling around housing issues (rents, allocation, maintenance, evictions/warrant sales, etc) can have plenty of information to

assist in making their action effective. This means we would like information from YOU about all that you & your fellow-tenants have had to put up with. Reports of HOW you are putting the wind up Clive House (& landlords!) would also be useful. Useful to people in similar situations as yourself. To kick-off, here is a list of boarded up houses in one small street (in an area undergoing 'modernisation') to show that the housing 'shortage' is the work of AUTHORITIES themselves. HAMILTONHILL RD., Possilpark:- No.6 - top flat; No.7 - " " ;

- No.14 - ground flat;
- No.19 - " " ;
- No.26 - " " ;
- No.46 - " " ;
- No.50 - " " ;
- No.54 - ground & top flats.

To add to this, it is well known about the 'inner city' Landlords (small fries & big fries, eg. S&D!) keeping lots of potentially decent flats empty for years at a time. THIS is criminal! Like the Council, by deliberately running down property, they are depriving people in need who live in overcrowded conditions with outside wc/ no bath or shower, etc.. Profiteering or bureaucratic, they are the vandals!

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER:-
No. 8 Lyndhurst Gardens,
MARYHILL, near Queens X.
Entire block of 8 3apt.

flats in Red Sandstone.
UP for occupation.
Apply by effecting entry
through DIRECT ACTION.



The Government is going to spend £160M on new job creation projects. 230,000 young people will be involved and the Employment Secretary - Mr Albert Booth - predicts that no young person will spend more than 12 months on the dole without being offered some form of employment or training.

However, the STUC and the Scottish CBI claim many thousands of school-leavers will still be on the dole in a year's time.

At the time of the announcement, unemployment in Scotland reached a post-war record of 194,271 people. Only 12 per cent of these, 25,000 are school-leavers.

Critics have accused the Government of making political gestures, while remaining committed to using the dole queue to keep wages down and increase profits. Mr. Booth admitted that the Government will not have to fork out all of the £160M. 40 per cent of the money will come from savings on unemployment & other benefits.

For school-leavers the rate of pay for the new jobs will be a mere £16 p.w., plus £2 travelling expenses. Job insecurity is built into the scheme which will mean automatic dismissal for most youngsters at the end of their first year.

Not surprisingly, many trade unionists are worried about the scheme. There have been cases where cheap

SUMMERSTON:

SELF-MANAGED COOUNCIL

HOUSES



SUMMERSTON, on the north-end of Maryhill, where Dick Dynes got the boot from the District Council, boasts the first Housing Management Co-operative in Britain.

The Co-operative is made up of 247 modern 'white box' type houses. The Housing Management Department of the Council looks after the 180,000 Council houses in Glasgow, deciding who is to get one & in which area. They are also supposed to maintain the property and in Summerston the local residents have been granted the power from the Dept. to look after this new estate themselves.



In practice this means a 15 person committee, with a chairperson who collectively decide what the policy should be. This involves deciding how best to ensure 'the maintenance of the property, ensure that it is not vandalised or falls in to decay.

Under the committee there is a professional administrator who is responsible for the day - to - day administration. This chiefly involves carrying out the policies of the committee and 'liaising' with Council depts, such as Building and Cleansing to make sure that the houses are kept in 'good shape'.

In the BBC2 trendy self-help programme GRAPEVINE (8th Aug) there was a report on how the co-operative was shaping up. They used it as an example of the future, in which

Councils will make life easier for themselves by 'devolving' power to local housing estates, providing the 'unit' like Barlinnie!) is small enough to be manageable. You might say it's home-rule Summerston!

But WHY are the bureaucrats in George Square doing all this. Are they really nice crats after all? Of course not. What they want is for working people to 'self-manage' their own exploitation. No doubt the committee will be 'liaising' with the Police too! This question of 'vandalism' is obviously important & this was recognised in the answers of the committee to the GRAPEVINE reporter. The fact is that the concrete jungles (schemes) yesterdays planners dreamt up are getting out of hand and the Authorities realise it's crucial to re-establish localised control over all

these 'troublemakers' out there. So, you can stand by for more of these H.M.C.s.

In Summerston the responsible tenants initially selected to make sure the idea got off to a good start now select more 'responsible' tenants to make sure the walls stay clean. of course it isn't a completely one-sided picture. Co-operatives in theory, could go and take over land and convert it for use (the kids, football pitches etc). However, through the HMC idea it's likely that permission will be needed for such a venture.

Don't get us in the G.P.P. wrong. The schemes are concrete jungles. Working folk should takeover their own houses (and a lot more too!) but it's a question of how you go about it.

We in the G.P.P. favour working people going about themselves, deciding to take over land because they want to & not grovelling for permission every two minutes. It may be possible to use a Housing Management Co-operative system providing you don't get sucked in by it. It's not our job to control ourselves in the interests of the privileged few. By raising the demands for 'home rule' & linking up with other tenants the Council could find they've got a new set of Trouble-makers'.

ARE TO GRIND

PUBLISH AND BE CONNED

YOUTH ACTIVIST, MIKE DAWSON, ON HOW THE MEDIA MISUSES REPORTS ON YOUTH PROJECTS.

Viewers of Nationwide on Mon. 30/5/77 will have been stimulated by the programme's content which described several cases of active community involvement throughout Britain. The B.B.C. launched in that evening's edition the Nationwide Jubilee Youth Project designed to allow youth groups the opportunity to demonstrate the contribution they are making in society.

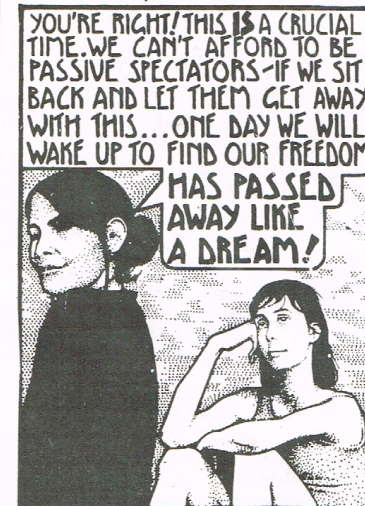
It was encouraging also, to see that Scotland were represented in the form of a delegation from GRYPs - Glasgow's Youth Information Service - organised & manned by a group of volunteers, many of whom are in their teens & 20s.

Perhaps the B.B.C.'s attempt at giving serious consideration to young peoples' part in the development of our communities signals a change in the media's attitude to young people, BUT somehow one can't help wondering

The experience of so many youth programmes in the West of Scotland has been very disappointing when it comes to coverage by the Press, radio & Television. All too often the experience of these groups of young people has been that the media only want to USE them for their own

ends.

Many youth volunteer groups find their own initiatives watered down or the credit given to others such as community workers, local councillors.



of or officials. Often the promise of coverage for an interesting project is forgotten or 'misplaced' for the sake of material which is sadly mundane.

Take for example the exciting and imaginative scheme reported in the SOURCE (pilot edition of the GPP) about the Circus project in Rutherglen. The local paper were aware of the project weeks before it happened but did not give it any coverage at all. Another example was when GRYPs sent out a barrage of

Press releases on 1st March this year about it's new service - only about 3 newspapers out of dozens made any comment in their columns& the list goes on.

Perhaps the most annoying factor in the whole issue is that the media are so patronising and despite saying that their columns are available to the community most of them seem to think they are doing us a favour letting us use their columns or 'air-space'. And when we do get the attention of the media it is on their terms: to allow us to say what THEY want us to say - unless we have just vandalised a bus shelter or mugged a pensioner.

What is needed badly is a change. One suggestion for this is a Youth newspaper or magazine, BUT do we want to reinforce the so-called generation gap? Sure, young people deserve their own papers just as much as any minority but there is also a need for young people to have a better deal in the media overall.

If things don't change soon I'm getting rid of my pen and going back to flourishing dangerous weapons... anybody want to take my photo?

COUNCIL COMPUTERISES

Strathclyde Regional Council recently announced that they are to install an IBM 3750 SYSTEM. In a glowing piece of public relations it was described how this processor would not only economise on the Council's phone bill but would also allow such complicated manoeuvres as three-way phone conversations.

However a similar system was installed by a French Insurance Firm in 1975. Initially it too was only used for these purposes, but it was soon put to a more sinister use.

Doors were installed throughout the building that could only be opened by employee's personalized cards. Full printouts of employee's movements were obtained, and any time greater than 5 minutes off the job was deducted from the employee's pay.

Shorter times off the job were also recorded but not penalised by loss of pay.

Pressure from the workers forced the management to stop using some of the worst features of the system, and they effectively wrecked the use of others by swapping identity cards among themselves.

And Back In The U.S.A...

At BLUE BIRD FOOD PRODUCTS, a unionised plant in Chicago, 35 T.V. cameras mounted on moving tracks keep a constant watch over 450 workers.

In the monitoring room a time-study expert keeps detailed charts on those workers suspected of talking too much or working too slowly. The bosses can have instant replay of anybody's actions. The workers also have travel passes needed for going to



the telephone or washroom, and in case anyone thinks of escaping, there are guard dogs patrolling the perimeter.

Other firms are studying the system for possible use in their own plants.

PUNK CONT.

least, there are mags being produced by ordinary people who have something to say and aren't deterred by lack of technical resources. All you need is access to some sort of duplicating machine.

Even if you're not a Punk, if you've got something to say, why not start a paper and say it (or get together with anti-establishment papers)?

DICK DASTARDLY.

SQUATTING

A few of us in the GPP have at one time being involved in squatting. The LAW is the big obstacle in Scotland. Occupation of empty property is in itself a CRIMINAL offence. This compares unfavourably with England & Wales. All this means that it is less of a dawdle to squat in this area. But it is by no means impossible, indeed hundreds of families & individuals squat - from Shettleston to Hillhead, from Govan to Maryhill.

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GAD, I'M UGLY-SOUGLY
I DO BELIEVE I'M
STERLING IS WHAT I
NEED...



OH! WHAT JOY! A LUCKY
HOLE IN THE GROUND. MAYBE..MAYBE
I CAN BECOME A FAMOUS STAR
OR...OR EVEN AN OLYMPIC



ATHLETE...OR
PERHAPS I KNOW
THIS IS TOO
MUCH TO ASK
FOR, GOD
THE MASTER
OF THE
WHOLEWIDE
WORLD

BUT LO! REGARD! A TINY WEE
SMALL MAN SENT BY A GREATER
POWER TO TURN WINE INTO WATER
AND DREAMS TO FAG SMOKE

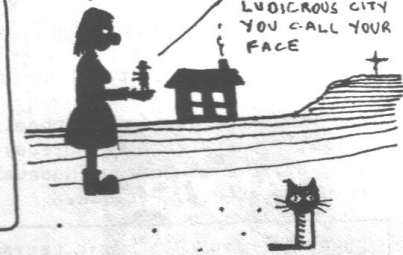


HELLO!

TIS WEE
B. CRAT

WHO ART THOU
LITTLE PERSON?
MAYHAP THOU HAST
COME TO SQUEEZE
MY BLACKHEADS
OR TURN ME INTO
A BEAUTIFUL FROG?

ALAS NO, O UGLY
ONE! I AM HE
WHO KNOWS NOT
PAIN, JOY,
SUFFERING, JUSTICE
OR FREEDOM. I
HAVE COME FOR A
CONDUCTED TOUR
OF THIS VERY
LUDICROUS CITY
YOU CALL YOUR
FACE



THE FIRST NEEDLES OF
DAWN INJECT LIFE INTO
THIS CORPSE-LIKE FACE...

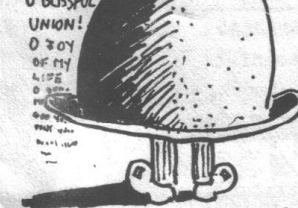
YES! ME! DO YOU
THINK MY NOSE
SMELLS? DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO NEXT?



HEAVENS!
SOMETHING'S
AMISS!

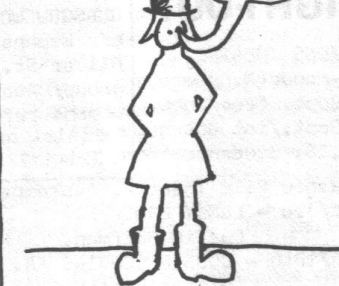
WEE B. - AS QUICK AS A
TOWN PLANNER'S PENCIL -

OF COURSE, DEAR HEART.
LET US BE SPLICED, O
FACE OF MINE! LET US
HIE TO THE HONEYMOON
BED. QUICK! QUICK! O
MY GOD, IT'S SO GOOD.
YOU BIG LUMP OF
PLASTICINE. LET ME
MOULD YOU



ONE 'BLISSFUL UNION' LATER...

THANK YEW
LORD



YES INDEED! AND,
AS ANOTHER GREAT
LORD ONCE SAID, "BLESSED
ARE THE SLEEKIT, FOR
THEY SHALL INHERIT
THE SWORD."

GREAT LORDS ASIDE,
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Confucius he say
The path to the Auto-erotic
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Is strewn with limp Elections.

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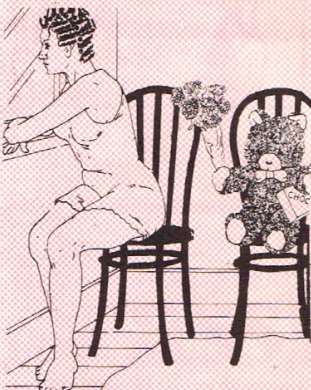
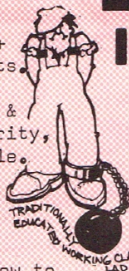
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CLAIMANTS HARASSED

BERT, IAN & STEWART, THREE MEMBERS OF GLASGOW CLAIMANTS UNION, HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM REPRESENTING THEIR FELLOW CLAIMANTS BY THEIR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.

People who visited the Peel St. Office in Partick have been victimised because they had consulted C.U. members.

The 'trouble' began when members of the Hillhead and Partick C.U.s started a campaign of leafletting at their local S.S. Office.

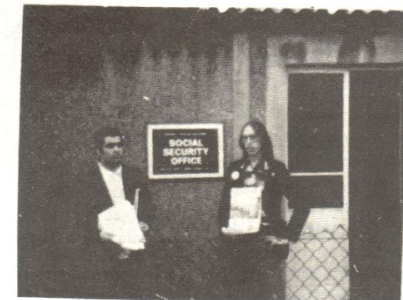
These leaflets told people of their rights, "...and don't take "no" for an answer", advised the C.U. members.

At first the staff were bewildered, but soon their reactions became more hostile and intimidating.

The staff stated that their Counter Clerks were being "harassed and humiliated" by certain C.U. members.

THIS IS FALSE.

C.U. members have only been informing people of their rights



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**LETTER REVEALS
COUNCIL COVER-UP**

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OUT MORE.



AS WE SEE IT...

Glasgow Peoples press exists to provide a real alternative to the establishment press.

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Above all, GPP is your platform to air your views, and to say what you really want to about your own situation. GPP really means what it says THIS IS THE GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS ? YOUR PRESS - so lets be hearing from you.

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BALLOON OF THE MONTH (NO2) YES! ONCE AGAIN - THE ENTRIES CARE OF SOURCE. { OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A CLOSING DATE 22ND OCT. } YRS SUB TO THE G.P.P.



* LAST MONTHS LUCKY WINNER... A. ANON WISHES SUB TO GO TO JIMMY BOYLE & CO, SPECIAL UNIT BARLINNIE. LEFT "YOU'RE A SOFT COP" - RIGHT "DON'T LABOUR THE POINT"



Dear G.P.P.,

Wonder if your readers who have been lulled into believing that the dear old Glasgow Herald has undergone a metamorphosis into the bland realms of cosy liberalism would like to see the new trendy Herald system at work, behind the scenes.

Sir, - At the risk of sounding arrogant I would like to clarify some points about punk rock, at least for the benefit of some of our councillors.

Rock music and its concomitant culture are organic things, constituent elements pulsating in roughly five or ten year cycles. The past five years have seen a clearly defined recession in British rock, and with no strong movement discernible in white

I enclose a copy of a letter of mine which was cut.

The manner of its cutting suggests that the wind still blows the same way down Mitchell St..

First cut: "more literate councillors";*

Second cut: "If one thing is proved, it is that the combination of brute ignorance & the irresponsible goadings of the gutter press provides a formidable and enduring enemy of rationality".**

Regards,

Cliff G. Hanley,
136 Woodlands Rd., G.3.

American rock, the best music being made is back at the roots: black music from the States and particularly from Jamaica.

It is no coincidence that many punk bands listen almost exclusively to Jamaican Reggae. It's a music which is inextricably interwoven with the culture it sprang from, both stylistically and politically. The best punk rock is an attempt to forge an equally committed parallel in British music, something which is both an answer to the stagnant old wave in rock and a relevant and active part of this culture.

But it should not be forgotten that it is still only rock and roll, and the self-righteous hysteria engendered among councillors and our other self-styled betters is only an echo of the reactions to each previous wave in rock.**



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CLAIMANTS HARASSED CONT. FROM PAGE ONE

under the Supplementary Benefits Act of 1976.

This is not an isolated incident. Other C.U. members have been banned for the same 'offence' up and down the country.

Indeed, every time a claimant confronts an S.S. clerk over the counter a conflict situation arises.

Listen to this tale for example....

Mick goes down to his local D.H.S.S. and puts in a claim. He is refused his money.

After talking to the C.U., he decides to appeal.

"Your claim will be thrown in the bucket", says the clerk.



"No, I won't say that. I'll pass it through to the back and it will be ignored."

A C.U. member questions her on this 'point of law' and she backs down, accepting Mick's claim form.

This is just one of many similar incidents.

Another method of harassment used by the staff is the 'Divide and Conquer' tactic.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to isolate the Claimants Union members.

The staff simply withdrew their labour and refused to deal with any claims until the C.U. members left the building.

They have even gone to the bother of making "special announcements" advising people that anyone dealing with, talking to, or even just taking C.U. leaflets, may

have his or her benefit cut or will just not be seen.

In a fit of panic, the staff have called on the assistance of the Police to deal with the Claimants Union.

This has led to one C.U. member being charged with Breach of the Peace.

Strangely, the Police didn't bother to charge the member while in the office where the alleged incident had taken

place. They waited until that evening to carry out their orders and, in doing so, they interrupted a C.U. meeting.

A few days later, a Mr. Turner (Society of Civil Servants) and a steward of the Civil and Public Services Association came out of the office with stories about a claims

interview in an attempt to entice C.U. members into the office, from which they had previously been banned, Vague threats were muttered about the power of the staff to cut the benefit of the members, but the C.U. people insisted on staying outside.

C.U. CALLS POLICE

They got the strong impression that they were being 'set up' for further charges.

Just for a change, the C.U. called the Police and made a formal complaint about the aggressive behaviour of the S.S. officials.

Clearly democratic 'rights' like Freedom of Information and Protection of the Law are myths.

CLAIMANTS CHARTER

1. The right to an adequate income without means test for all people.
2. A socialist society in which all necessities are provided free and which is managed and controlled directly by the people.
3. No secrets and the right to full information.
4. No distinction between so-called 'deserving' and 'undeserving'.

C.U. members spend a lot of time reading the various Acts and publications of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, but when the S.S. staff are confronted with their own rules they simply bend them to suit themselves.

The staff of Peel St. are mistaken if they think that the Claimants Union has been intimidated.

The Union is escalating its campaign and will continue to inform people of their rights.

The fight to live goes on.



YP/63/92/55/A.

I'M Registered
A claimant - unemployed
YP/63/92/55/A - that's my S.S. no.
I'm a layabout
a shirker
I lie about
Alternatively freezing or starving
I shirk all the shit-shovelling
Low paid jobs you expect me to take
But I have my principles, Mister
Unlike the woman next door
She can't afford them
Not with 3 kids
A memory for a husband
And an S.S. man obsessed by her wardrobe
So here's your 'rights', Mister
Shove them up your arse
Today we ask, Tomorrow we take

DARNLEY PUBLIC ENQUIRY?



Dear G.P.P.,

As you may know, in August, the Glasgow District Council announced their intention of bulldozing DARNLEY E. site. An incredibly high figure is involved with each flat costing over £30,000 to construct.

The burning question you'll want to ask is WHY they have decided to do away with it. It's my view, as a building worker, that if it isn't pulled down it could have fallen down anyway.

There is the fact that for the past year & a half only a skeleton staff of tradesmen have been employed on the Direct Works site.

The National Coal Board provided a consignment of inferior bricks but got on immediately to the builders on Darnley E site to have worked stopped.

But on Len Fairclough's site up the road work has gone on as usual.

I'd like this to be printed if you still have room

because it's about time the taxpayers knew what is happening at Darnley.
Name & address supplied.

THE GPP CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ENQUIRY INTO THE AFFAIR before A BULLDOZER MOVES ON TO THE SITE. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED BY HIS REPORT THAT INFERIOR MATERIALS HAVE BEEN USED WHICH THE N.C.B. HAS WARNED AGAINST USING.

ALSO, WE REPEAT THE QUESTION. DID THE DISTRICT COUNCIL KNOW A YEAR & A HALF AGO THAT DARNLEY E. SITE WOULD HAVE TO BE SCRAPPED. HAS A MASSIVE COVER OPERATION BEEN DREAMT UP WITH MEDIA COLLUSION?

In the rest of Darnley, concern grows at the consequences of the non-completion of the E. site for the development of amenities such as a shopping area which is constructed & is noticeable for its lack of shops.

A Darnley action group has been formed to campaign for the area: c/o Pat Donnelly, 25/1 Glenclunie, Darnley.

ALL OUR NURSERIES ...

On Tuesday Sept. 13th a public meeting called by the Glasgow Association of Nursery School Parents served to launch the fight against cuts in Nursery education. The large turnout was no surprise considering how important this is to working parents.

Nurseries are being cut in all sorts of ways. Jean O'Neill, a head-teacher at Lenthough Nursery told how the Region had rammed in the thin end of the wedge, by first cutting back on cleaning staff and finally students & qualified nursery nurses. A total of 400 qualified nurses now don't have jobs in nurseries. Yet it is only recently that the Region was claiming that they could not reduce the staff/pupil ratio due to lack of qualified staff. This means that even the nurseries with enough space and equipment are not being used to full capacity.

On paper the staff/pupil ratio looks better than it should. The misleading statistics do not show how much time staff have to spend on administrative tasks.

The G.A.N.S.P. has been fighting back with petitions and by lobbying councillors. It was felt that much more had to be done to inform the public of the situation & spread the network of parent teacher action groups.

As N.U.P.E. Official, Alastair MacRae said, nurseries were picked out as a major target for cuts, because parents were thought to be weak and unorganised.

Part of the problem is that parents think they are lucky if their nursery has not been closed. They forget how standards are being eroded inside the nurseries. The fact remains that hundreds of nursery nurses have been diverted (mostly into clerical work) from child-care.

When the meeting was 'opened up' for comments from the floor it was suggested that the parents should get Union help. This proposal was violently opposed by a Middle class element who feared a take-over of

the campaign.

by past experience, the problem will be in making this body in one way or other accountable & in the end a Committee composed of 2 parents, 2 nurses & 2 teachers was established. Judging in touch with parents as a whole. A federation of localised 'action committees' to carry the fight to the Region might have been more meaningful. It won't simply be a case of politely telling the Councillors that parents don't like nasty nursery cuts. This takes no account of the harsh economic & political strategy of the authorities who dreamed up the cuts.

They must be FORCED to reverse Nursery cuts, perhaps with the twist of re-cycling the bill towards employers who benefit from female labour.

Don't worry,
you'll grow to it.



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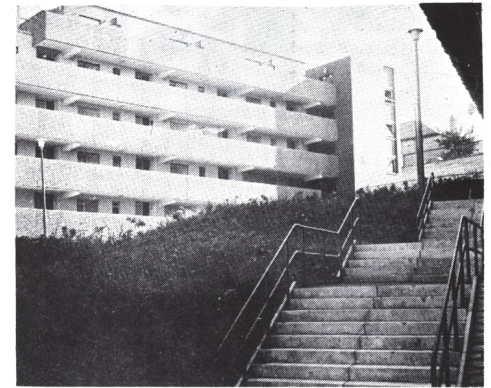
AGED'S UPHILL STRUGGLE

The difficulty of climbing 100 steep stairs is a daily problem for the tenants of a community of two-room flats for the aged in Hillington East.

William Blair echoed the feelings of his fellow tenants when interviewed by a GPP investigator. "The houses are good to live in but its no joke climbing all these stairs - the only thing you can do is take it easy and have a wee rest after a couple of flights."

It's not that the stairs are badly constructed or over-run by local kids. They're not. The problem is the SITE itself: a steep hill south of the Glasgow-Paisley railway line to the east of Penilee & Hillington estate. The planners have boobed again and as usual they're not the ones to suffer the consequences.

The flats, which attracted the first tenants some 3 years back, are just over the hill from the shopping area in Thurston Rd.. If you live in a flat near the bottom of the hill you have to climb say 80 odd steps before descending the hill and reversing the journey coming back. Alternatively, if you catch a bus from Chirnside Pl. at the foot of the hill you could face the prospect of climbing the entire 100(plus) if you live near the top. Again, inside the 4 level flats you have to climb yet more stairs. There are no lifts & YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT IT'LL BE LIKE IN WINTER.



Its true that some of the tenants are used to a lot of stairs and are a credit for their age. However, you shouldn't have to be a super-gran to qualify for a modern flat. Some find it harder than others & could be more or less house-bound during the worst of winter.

Just what were the planners thinking about when they chose this site? If this their contribution to a euthanasia policy then its 1984 here we come. With the declining population of Glasgow and the ever growing amount of space in 'inner city' areas on relatively flat land surely a better choice could (and should) have been made. It seems again that profit & impersonal bureaucracy have come before compassion for the aged.

W.5 Story

This is the tale of a working class school,
Dull are its walls &
dull are its rules,
Our only relief is the
4 o'clock bell,
which releases our bodies
from the place we call hell
which creates an environment
we know only too well,
That of frustration & less.

This is the tale of a working class school,
The man at the top is a
stupid old fool,
Who must prove his existence
by making it clear
over the Intercom that he
is STILL here,
Then he slips off a 4 for
a pie & a beer,
The man they call Boss.

I am the result of a
working class school,
Backwards & forwards they
push & they pull,
Until my nerves are all
gone & I just can't go on,
For my hopes once were high
but now they're forlorn,
THEY DON'T GIVE A TOSS.

Maddy, class of '69.



NEW GAY CENTRE

"UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT BIGOTRY"
This was the message of Fred Edwards, Regional Director of Strathclyde Social Work. He was speaking at the opening of the new centre of the Scottish Minorities Group (see p.12).

Few people who have not been involved in gay circles can realise the loneliness & isolation that is the lot of gay in this society. An important 'coming out' step has been taken with the opening of the new centre - "an island of understanding", as Sheila MacAskill, National Chairperson of S.M.G. said. The centre consists of a meeting place & coffee lounge, with offices for the telephone advice centre.

What prompted Kay Carmichael to become the East End Snooper ?

One thing is sure, the people of Lillybank, a community of 500 between Parkhead & Tollcross in the east-end of Glasgow don't think much of the tricks she got up to. They are united solidly against the report she compiled when she lived at 90 Dunning St., under the pseudonym of Mrs. Price.

Chronicled in a two-part article by her Wilson "Think-Tank" fellow strategist, Joe Haines, which appeared in the DAILY RECORD 25/26th of August, the report serves to stigmatise the people of Lillybank & Dunning St. in particular. This can be compared with past stigma levelled at Easterhouse and Ferguslie Park in Paisley from the "sensationalist" press.

ON WHOSE AUTHORITY

Although her Report has received support from Professor Donnison of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, neither the S.B.C. or Glasgow University have admitted that her snooping was done with their consent or connivance. She was doing, wait for it, "MARKET RESEARCH". Hence no doubt her obsession with "bashed fruit and tomatoes" of which "I was spending more on those kind of things than my neighbours in Dunning St. would be".

From an application to do a social survey on the south side she turned up 6 months later in October 1976 in Dunning St as the downfallen "Mrs Price" supposedly separated from her husband and having recently undergone therapy for mental disorder. How she managed this is still a mystery for even if she simply used University notepaper, at some stage she must have found accomplices either in Clive House and/or the Social Security system she knows so well.

WHAT SHE GOT UP TO

Her strategy to 'research' the area was to maintain an extremely low profile and be as

'invisible' as possible. The only people she had occasion to socialise with a couple of times, Mrs. Ellen Wilson & her husband were completely unaware of the whole charade as she chatted over tea & cake in their immaculate 3 apartment, one flight below hers.

Her report has only been received with credibility because of her connections with top levels of authority such as the B.B.C. & Supplementary Benefits Commission (not forgetting Glasgow University & her M.P. husband).

Any student handing in a report of this sort based on purely subjective impressions for a short period of 3 months would be told that this is no in which to conduct social research surveys. IMAGINE ONE OF THE TENANTS OF LILLYBANK SOMEHOW GETTING A HOUSE IN PARTICKHILL OR HYNDLAND FOR 3 MONTHS & EXPECTING HER IMPRESSIONS TO BE REPORTED AMID SUCH PUBLICITY !

So all the criticisms of the "corrupted area" came pouring forth: bashed fruit...few cars...boy with torn trousers... "really rather horrible...wild faces and green scarves"... "violence of one kind or another is commonplace...swearing teenagers...shops are clearly for the poor"... "dodging school"... "paralysing boredom, etc, etc..."

Now let get this clear. The tenants don't tell you Lillybank is some sort of Utopia. It shares the problems of Glasgow schemes whether pre-war as it is or post-war in construction. But relatively

it isn't too bad at all, not bottom of a 'league table' of council housing by any means.

There is a sense of community solidarity and mutual aid which includes helping out the aged and cases like 9 years ago when the EVENING TIMES publicised the £45 raised for a Biafra appeal by Lillybank tenants.

MODERNISATION

Like other areas of Glasgow (Possilpark etc.), Lillybank has for the past 2 years been in the process of MODERNISATION and the state of upheaval that goes along with this has led to a slight increase in aggro but this has to be compared to other areas of the city which are virtually "NO GO" for the Police.

That mysterious ~ £140

Many of the locals around Dunning St are curious to find out how Kay Carmichael was entitled to a £140 grant that no one else appears to be getting.

Mrs McGrattan 25 Methven St, said; "Through Mrs Carmichael or whatever she calls herself, the people in this area, some are off work because they cannot get jobs. They are all wanting to know, those that are on Social Security, is why they never got £140 when they got these houses?

Yet Kay Carmichael says that she was living on her own money but she qualified to ask the means test what she would get for the likes of coming out of a mental hospital and going to this, and they said she would get a £140. So the people want to know where their £140 is?

For instance I speak of my own son who is unemployed. I thought he had a case as he has three babies and his wife has a chronic illness. That wee girl had to struggle week by week to try and

What comes over from much of Kay Carmichael's report is a DISTASTE FOR WORKING CLASS LIFE. This is what she finds "corrupted" but of course the irony is that as one of those in Authority herself she is part of the System which divides working people through poverty and makes Claimants Unions necessary.

BAD NEWS - THE MEDIA

The first the tenants knew of the now infamous report was 6 months later with the Joe Haines "from Downing St. to Dunning St." two-part expose plus a swarm of press & T.V. reporters around their doors taking pictures of the area in a pre-modernisation.

Joe Haines builds an image of a 'golden age' of poverty.*

buy wallpaper for a 4 apt house as the means tester would not give the girl one penny. They came into the house a four apartment out of a room and kitchen. Well, they had no furniture to furnish a four apartment, yet they got nothing at all. There is a lot more of his kind. They all want to know where their £140 is?

This is not an isolated instance. Many locals that the G.P.P investigating team questioned also complained about the mysterious £140 that K.Carmichael qualified for.

The local 'lollipop' lady, Mrs Smith said; "What I do not understand is this £140 business. How could she get it? Yet she was living under a false name. Other people get taken up for using a false name."

Did K.Carmichael qualify for this £140 because the means tester knew who she was? Are the people of Lillybank really entitled to this money, and if so why is it being held back? Questions the people in Lillybank would like answered, NOW.

Ah yes ! The 'good old days' of the 30s prior to the Welfare State & the S.S. !

Now on top of all this the B.B.C. is planning to screen 3 fifty minute documentaries on the area and the findings of the report with Magnus Magnusson conducting interviews. What with Carmichael's connections and all that, the tenants are up in arms about this latest development too. A petition with over 300 local adherents was circulated in early Sept. when it was thought that the film would be used for a CURRENT AFFAIRS special. The idea was to unite local feeling "AGAINST MRS. K. CARMICHAEL & ALSO TELEVISION COVER COVERAGE OF THIS PROPOGANDA". So, as Spokesperson Mrs McGrattan stated to GPP reporters their intention is to arrange it with the B.B.C. that they preview the programme as it is to go out. At this stage they haven't as yet secured anything definite from the B.B.C..

THIS IS AN ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. Whether she thought she was morally correct or not, Kay Carmichael has acted out of disrespect for people she hardly knew. But again, this is what you'd expect from somebody on the Supplementary Benefits Commission, the Wilson "think-tank" and other such bodies.

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DAILY
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26/8/77

My memory of Bermondsey, in South London, is that the poor didn't steal from the poor, even if there was anything to steal. On a sunny day every door was open.

Leave the door open today and you could lose your floorboards while you are shaving.



TIGHTEN YOUR BELT?

I've great news for all you poor people as the hard wind of crisis is felt - you'll just have to scrape out the larder and tighten, please tighten your belt !



Take a spud and then boil with nettles, you will find they lusciously melt, and if you disappear with the diet, well, you won't have to tighten your belt.

Though your clothes may be threadbare and tattered, you aye can run round in your pelt, and we might excuse you the duty of having to tighten your belt.

And me ? Stop changing the subject ! It's the way that the cards have been dealt - besides I only wear braces, so I don't have to tighten the belt.

Freddy Anderson, 1977.

little rapes

You are walking down a city street, your own street, not far from home. As you turn the corner, you look up the street quickly, studying it, and then you look back down at the pavement. You walk a few steps, thinking and planning, and then you glance up to check out the first obstacle—three men standing on the pavement a few doors up. Will they step aside to let you pass? Are they going to make some comment? One of them catches your eye. You look back at the pavement, pretending that you weren't watching him. It's always bad if someone catches you looking at him. Maybe you should cross the street. A glance over there tells you that you can't do that either. There's a group of teenagers hanging around in front of one of the houses. You had better take your chances with the three men.

You are still looking down at the pavement, but you can feel that one man staring at you. You know his friends have stopped talking and are beginning to notice you. You wonder if they will start making comments among themselves. You don't want to have to go past them, but on the other hand you don't

want to walk past the bunch of teenagers either. It would be too humiliatingly obvious for you to turn around at this point and go back. So you take a deep breath and move over to the edge of the pavement, hoping they'll let you go by.

"Hey, honey, where ya going?" Can I go too?"

"Ain't ya cold, with that short skirt and all?"

"C'mon and talk to us awhile. We ain't gonna hurt ya. You're not very friendly."

You keep your head down and pretend not to hear them, while your face burns with embarrassment. Your body tenses as you wait for a hand to reach out, but you make it past them physically untouched. You start fumbling in your purse, pretending that you are looking for something; what you are really doing is waiting to hear a footstep behind you. There is nothing. They're not going to come after you. You've made it.

There's only a little way to go before you get home, and no one else is on the side of the street between you and your front door. Of course, there's still that group of kids across the street, but they

don't look like a gang. As a matter of fact they don't look energetic enough to cross the street. They'll probably just say something, but you'll be far enough away to make a good show of ignoring them. Despite that, you feel some apprehension.

Not a sound. No hoots, no whistles. There's a chance you won't even be noticed.

"Wow. Hey, look! Hey, you, whatcha doing?"

Are they crossing over? No. It's all right then. You're almost home. You're in your front step, your key in your hand. You walk into your flat, flop down on the couch, and relax. You've made it home again without anyone giving you a really hard time.

erosion of privacy

Rape, as we define it, is any sexual intimacy, whether by direct physical contact or not, that is forced on one person by another. If you are subjected (many of us are) to this kind of violation every day, a gradual erosion begins—an erosion of your self-respect and privacy. You lose a little when you are shaken out of your day-dreams by the whistles and comments of the construction workers who have to pass. You lose a little when a junior executive looks down your blouse or gives you a familiar pat at work. You lose a little to the obnoxious drunk at the next table or to that man on the tube.

In themselves these incidents are disgusting, repellent—in fact, intolerable. Acceptance of them as normal is dangerous. This is one of the many ways in which women are prepared to be victims.

Learning to avoid being hassled in the street is as much part of living in the city as learning to cope with public transport. To see a black person subjected to this kind of abuse would make one sick. It would be painful to watch them lower their head and try to get past a group of whites unmolested. To-day black people are no longer expected to "know their place", although deliberate humiliation and discrimination against them still exists. But women face this same kind of badgering and taunting and accept it. They have come to think of it as an unavoidable part of life.

accommodating

The reasons for this are complex. They certainly include the fear of acute physical attack, but they also derive from something much more subtle. Early in our lives there is instilled in us a desire to please, or at least a desire not to offend. This is not part of our nature; it is drilled into us from the moment we are dressed in pink booties. And it is done well. We reach maturity with a sometimes pathetic desire to please others. Even when we have otherwise overcome our rigid stereotyping, we have this need for approval. It can be debilitating, and can twist our lives in undreamed-of ways.

And so we think we have to be pleasant to the man in the street who approaches

us. We have been taught not to displease anyone. Later when we try to explain how we got ourselves into such situations, we usually mention that we were afraid of physical attack. That is something that others will understand, but it is not always the reason behind our actions. We often back down and capitulate when the threat of attack is minimal.

Consider the tube or bus-riding moles. These men are so maddeningly present in any major urban centre that many women have run into several. Even women can tell a story about the Eve who sat beside her with a newspaper shielding his open fly, or can talk about those mysterious hands that sudden appear from under attaché cases, or simply out of nowhere. The astonishing thing is not that there are so many men who have the nerve or the inclination to do this, but that women are often intimidated by these disembodied hands and take sleepers.

Part of the problem is that women are afraid of drawing attention to themselves. How often have they endured these men rather than make a scene? If the woman does make a scene, the man should be humiliated by having attention drawn to what he is doing, but somehow he never is. He will calmly close his coat and join the other passengers in staring at an obviously crazy woman. She is the one who feels degraded. And it seems that she can bear a lot of degradation as long as she is the only one who knows about it.

This kind of man rarely threatens any further attack. Crowded subways and buses are not the ideal places for a man to attack or rape a woman. But even without fear of physical harm, women put up with the maulings. They have been conditioned to be afraid of men under any circumstances and to be afraid of offending them even when there is no possible basis for their fear.

One woman told us that she allowed herself to be taken into a dark alley because she was afraid of offending the man by implying that he might rape her. He did. In retrospect the woman seems terribly naive. But put yourself in her place at that moment and remember all of the similar situations in which you did not "rudely" avoid a man for

fear of offending him. It is this kind of everyday occurrence that sets women up to be raped.

playing the game

What happens if you are walking down the street and a strange man tries to pick you up? However charming and friendly he may be, there is always the potential for hostility on his part if he meets with a strongly negative reaction from you. As long as you are polite and play the game, his aggression will not appear; but if you tell the man to leave you alone—as you have every right to do—be prepared for the unexpected. He thinks that your role requires you to play along. He wants to think that he will actually get your phone number, at least your name, perhaps even a date. It is a difficult game for a woman to play, requiring ingenuity, energy, and charm. Most likely you feel obliged to play it with any man who wants to take up your time.

Perhaps he will open with "Mind if I walk home with you?" It is a perfectly polite question, but you don't want to get to know this man and, besides, you make it a rule not to speak to strangers in the street. So you try to get rid of him. You say something on the order of "You seem like a nice fellow, but all, but I would rather be alone." Remember, it is his behaviour which is unacceptable. He wouldn't dare start a conversation like this with another man, and you wouldn't go up to a stranger either. It should be assumed that someone walking along the street is going somewhere and not out looking for conversation. Yet this stranger has felt free to approach you and try to talk to you. You have so far responded with a politely discouraging answer.

He returns with "I just wanted to talk to you". How do you counter that? You could simply tell him the truth. "I don't think you understood me before. I'm not interested in talking to you." But that would sound rude. (Isn't it remarkable that when you insist on controlling your own time, you are being rude, but when a man insists on taking up your time, he is being friendly?) Instead you will probably smile and say something a little less determined. "Honestly, I have some things I want to think about." He neatly returns, "Why don't you tell me about them? Maybe I can help."

This will go on as long as you keep it up, or as long as he remains interested. By the time you get rid of him (if you get rid of him) your walk will have been spoiled and you will be frustrated and annoyed. Worse, once you are trapped into his game, you can find yourself in a dangerous situation. If you were so afraid of offending the man that you allowed him to waste your time, what are you going to do when he suggests going into that alley? Perhaps that is an exaggerated case, but often the confrontation ends in his trying to get you to invite him into your home or to go to his. If you are still playing on the level of "No, really, I just don't want to go to your place. I have other things to do," instead of saying "Get lost," you are in serious trouble.

If there is any doubt remaining about the underlying quality of the game, consider what would happen if you didn't know how to play and you responded with civilised propriety. The man makes small talk, and you presume that he is simply friendly and sociable. He asks you, "What are you doing tonight?" You make the appropriate answer and politely return the question. "I'm probably going to watch TV. What are you going to do?" Now this man will inevitably assume on the basis of that response that you want to go out with him, and probably even go to bed with him. You can tell him you are perfectly happy watching television by yourself. You can tell him you don't know him well enough to have him over. You can tell him you're planning to go to Mars as soon as the programme is over. He won't hear you. You must wrong move in the game, and you will never get rid of him.

self respect

The only way to avoid all of this is to demand from the very beginning the right to your own time, to your own life. Don't get into the game at all. It is really nothing more than a matter of simple self-respect. If you really believe in your own worth as a human being, the problem will take care of itself.

It is difficult, however, to achieve the self-respect. It is not a part of the feminine ideal. A woman who believes that she belongs to herself will be described as cold, hard, unfeeling, stuck-up, bitchy, or, worst of all, aggressive. Women are not supposed to take care of themselves; it is independent. They are taught that it is appalling to be weak, that it is attractive to be helpless. Few people would object to a little boy's learning to defend himself, but in a group of women who had gathered together to work against rape, one woman worried about encouraging women to learn self-defence because, she said, it would be "brutalising" experience. Most women have encountered that attitude before and have been affected by it.

And no wonder. Women are inundated from all sides with the glorification of female vulnerability. Not long ago there was a fashion feature in one of the women's magazines which featured the "vulnerable" look. The clothing was all very soft, very clinging and very small. The models huddled in corners, shrank against looming walls.

Until recently most women wore high heels that made it difficult for them to move and skirts that made it impossible for them to walk naturally. They wore, and still wear, undergarments that make it hard for them to breathe and even harder for them to digest their food. Their legs freeze in the winter; they stifle in girdles in the summer. Not only do they do all of this for the sake of beauty, but the very idea of beauty that our society (and its media) offers up holds suffering as appealingly feminine.

fighting back

It is time for women to take their lives into their own hands and start fighting for their self-respect, not only because that is the best way for any human being to live, but also because to live any other way is damned dangerous. Women accept too many things as "the way things are". The condition of their lives has become intolerable. All the daily encroachments on their existence as human beings, whether subtle or blatant, prepare them to be victims of rape. Even men on the street expect them to be soft and ego-inflated and fantasy objects. If they refuse, they're man-haters. But what if they play the game, placate every stranger, and learn to accept the role? What if they become what men want them to be? With that image of themselves, how are women to act when the game gets pushed a little further, and further still: when it becomes rape? The confusion sets in then. Should I struggle? Why should I fight? What am I fighting for? What am I fighting for that I haven't given up already?

The time for a woman to start fighting is before she gives it all up—fighting for the right to herself, her pride, her body, her time.

The article, The Little Rapes, is a chapter extracted from a book, Against Rape, A Survival Manual for Women: How to Avoid Entrapment and How to Cope with Rape Physically and Emotionally. The book written by Andrea Medco and Kathleen Thompson was published by the Noonday Press.



AXE TO GRIND

THE THREAT OF RAPE

16 months ago as National Abortion Campaign organiser, I'd organised a counter-picket of a SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) rally in Glasgow Green on a Sunday afternoon. The picket went very well, and we decided not to follow SPUC'S demo to the Cathedral but to disband after we'd made our point at the rally.

I'd to stay around to ensure no 'irresponsible elements' got N.A.C. bad press coverage, & clear up a few things with the police. As a result I lost the folk I was getting a lift home from.

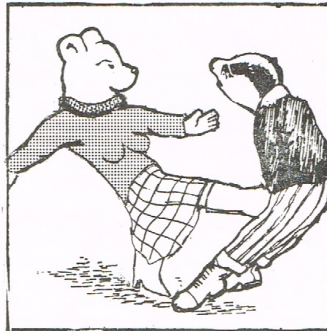
I didn't know the area very well and started walking off in what I thought the right direction, armed with leaflets and wearing badges. Round a corner appeared the drones of 'church & state' marching as SPUC. Rather than provoke anything on my own, I turned up a back street, still lost.

I came across an open 2nd hand furniture shop with 2 guys sitting outside who asked what the leaflets were. I gave them a couple & explained about the rally. The older one made sympathetic remarks the younger one said nothing. I wandered on and was tapped on the shoulder about 5 minutes later outside a close by the younger of the 2 guys who said he lived up this close with his mum who was really anti-abortion and he'd been trying to

convince her for ages - "I obviously knew what it was all about, would I come up & talk to her". I was suspicious but he was insistent and my attitude was well I suppose this is what N.A.C. should be getting into - it's my duty to do so, so I agreed.

As soon as I got into the close he grabbed me & dragged me up to the first landing & pinned me against a wall. As he started to pull my jumper off, he made a continuing stream of insults and suggestions, the gist of which was - womens libbers were all nymphomaniacs so what did it matter. He got my jumper up and forced me on to the ground and started licking my body.

I kept trying to stop him going any further by warning him I knew where he worked. Then I attempted to knee him in the balls and missed which made him angry & he threatened he'd smash my head in so hard that no one would recognise me again.



Then he unzipped his trousers & stuck his erect penis towards my face telling me to suck it. I just kept talking about knowing where he worked. Then there was a noise at the bottom of the close & I told him he'd better run, which he also decided was the best thing to do. He quickly got himself together and ran, shouting after him that he'd get me again.

An old drunk came up the close & asked if I'd had a row with my boyfriend, & started trying to kiss me. Then a young guy came out of one of the flats and I explained hysterically what had happened, not knowing whether this one could be trusted or not. He took me round to the subway station and I got home.

My friend's reactions were mostly in favour of going round to the shop & beating the guy up but I didn't want that because my address had been at the bottom of the leaflet I gave the 2 guys so I decided to 'forget' about it & not carry out retaliation/retribution like so many similar case cases.

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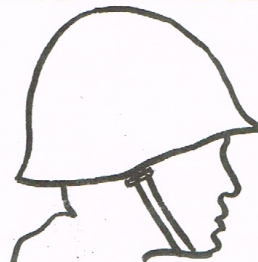
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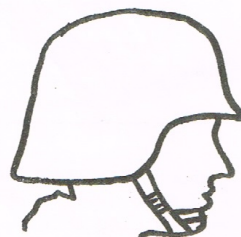
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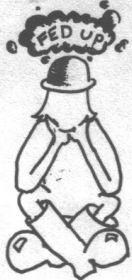
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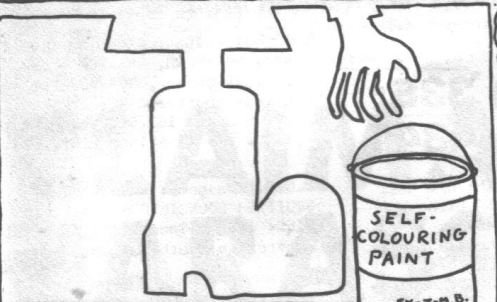
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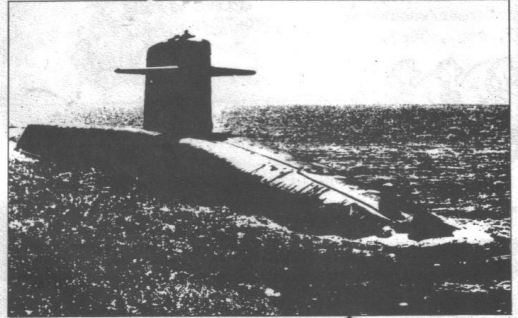


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"We're All Going On A Cruise.."



Saturday Sept.10th, 1000 people from all over Britain joined 'doon the water' in Waverley to Dunoon and then ched to the Holy Loch, where U.S. Government keeps ombs. y marched because they were re that, in the event of leur war, the people of deside would be among the st to be exterminated.

well as support from local N.D. groups there were deleg-

ations from the National Union of Miners, Chrysler Shop Stewards & the Scottish Committee to Resist the Atomic Menace (SCRAM) among others. The march itself was largely a nostalgia exercise for those involved. Despite the large number of young people there, it was the large C.N.D. marches of the early 60s which were at the back of everybody's minds. Having marched the 3 miles to the base there was nothing to do, but to sit and listen to speeches.

As some speakers pointed out, they were preaching to the converted. Maybe the C.N.D. brought this sad state of affairs on itself when it disowned the direct-actionist "Committee of 100" and concentrated its efforts on lobbying Labour Party conferences-as if that will change anything. However, although the C.N.D. shows no sign of halting their decline, groups like SCRAM do show some promise for the future.

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ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY (Garten-
ich etc.): Peter, 035 52 27032.
GARDEN COOPS: Tim Mitchell, 212
Wilton St., 945-0457.
COMMUNES NETWORK : c/o
Laurieston Hall, Kirkcud-
brightshire DG7 2NB.
S.M.G. (see p.10): Gay centre 534
Sauchiehall St., 332-3382.

CLYDESDIE MUSIC COOPERATIVE, c/o
Dick 632-1401. Plans in Autumn
to go beyond performer/spectator
reality (MUSICS, mag., 30p).



NIGHT-OUT

PLATFORM JAZZ CONCERTS:-
OCT.

- 11 Mike Osborne Quintet *
- 18 Frank Pantrini
- 21 Ronnie Scott at Renfield
Church Centre. Tickets
£1.25 / £1.75
- 25 Trevor Watts/ Tom McGrath
Trio *

NOV.

- 1 Head *
- 3 John Surman / Albert
Mangelsdorff at Partick
Borough Halls. Tickets
£1.00 / £1.50

(All concerts marked * are at
Saints and Sinners, St. Vincent
St.)

Details Sandy Muir 225-3324.

S.L.F.: Unites libertarian soci-
alists & anarchists in Scotland
6th Conference, Aberdeen, early
November. SLF Glasgow c/o SOURCE
- we have lots of literature eg.
BLACK FLAG (15p) international
anarchism; BRATACH BUSH pamph-
lets (National liberation strug-
gles; Syndicalism critique) ;
SOLIDARITY (Paper 15p) lots of
books & pamphlets on struggles
vs. authority, repressive sex-
uality, work ethic, State.



ZERO (Monthly 20p) anarcho-femini-
st, no.3 now out. OBTAINABLE
at GPP Readers Meetings.

CLAIMANT UNIONS: Fight to live !
GDVAN, PARKHEAD, PARTICK - c/o
St. Brides Centre, Rosevale St -
meetings thursdays 7.30; MILL-
HEAD, 2 up r, 163 St. George St.;
POSSIL, c/o 42 Allander St., G22.

C.N.D. (Glasgow): 942-1099.
SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBER-
TIES: 146 Holland St (nr. Bath St.)
Enterprise Youth: as above (GRAYS)

"No more heroes" Stranglers OK!
MENTAL PATIENTS UNION : c/o
Peter Reid, 60 Darset St, G3.
JAGSMAG subversive Thistle
monthly, 10p, 90 John St, G1.
SCOT. Republicans, 90 John St, G1.

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SCHOOLS
Charlie
336-7895.



THIRD EYE CENTRE - Concerts:-
Sun.2nd Clyde Consort, baroque.
Fri.7th LYSIS (jazz).
Sun.16th EDINBURGH QUARTET.
Exhibitions..Artoculture:-
1st-22nd from Paris
MUSICAL GRAPHICS.
from 26th DUTCH PRINTS &
CHILEAN PATCHWORKS.

(332-7521, Sauchiehall St.)

COUNTRY OF CLIFF HARTER *



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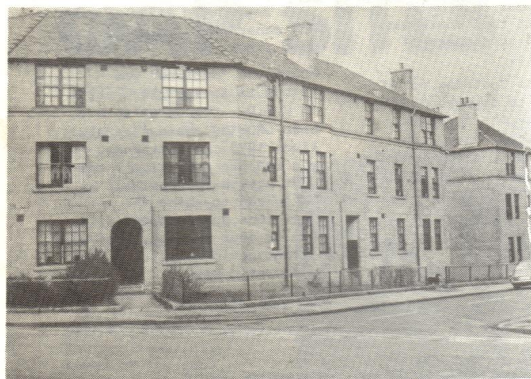
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COUNCIL SHORT CIRCUITS TENANTS



Tenants in Bilsland Dr., Ruchill are faced with the daily threat of being electrocuted. Despite persistent appeals to the District Council their protests have been received with a 'deaf ear'. The electrical points & connections in their homes are in many cases a potential hazard. Many minor cases of shock have failed to raise a positive response from

the nearest Council works department in Bardowie Street, Possil. New tenants are the only ones who get new points installed. Mr Denoyan of 1 Arnold St., Bilsland Drive, told a GPP report -or that an electrician friend of his had looked at the connections and found them to be faulty in the way they were earthed. He also told of his daughters bedroom

NOT!
O.K.

- B.B.C. WHITEWASH JOB

On Thursday 20th October the B.B.C. outside broadcast unit was at Quarrie-brae school in Lillybank to film a special-invitation only meeting for their series of programmes on the area.

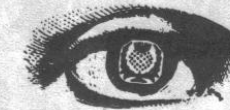
Kay Carmichael, William Gray, Professor Donnison of the Supplementary Benefits Commission and other such dignitaries availed themselves of the opportunity to clear Kay Carmichaels rather tarnished image. The point is this.... why were the local folk not involved in the filming. Could it be that the B.B.C. intend to imply that it was done with the

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which had no electrical point of it's own and how the council would do nothing to satisfy his requests to have one installed. In the end he had one installed privately.

This is not an isolated case. Will a tenant have to suffer serious injury or worse before the Council act to install new points?





GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS exists to provide a real alternative to the establishment Press in the West of Scotland.

We aim to report honestly on the forces that shape our lives, both at home and at work. We intend to expose the real problems faced by working men and women, and to publicise the activities of those trying to do something constructive to help themselves.

We at the G.P.P. will assist those in struggle in a positive manner; by providing the use of duplicators, typewriters, publicity, manpower and, where possible, advice and financial donation.

Although we are prepared to offer our assistance, we are not interested in attempting to control or to takeover peoples' struggles. People should take full control over their own lives and make

decisions without outside interference.

G.P.P. will also be keeping a close watch on the political situation (both nationally and locally). So M.P.s, councillors political parties, and all in authority-BEWARE! We are out to expose you.

What do we at G.P.P. stand for? Well, we are for independent action and decision making by all participants, whether in Tenants' struggles, fares, workplace, school, college struggles, or whether against Consumer Society and its' supermarkets and 'entertainment', etc. We are keen for others to join us if in agreement with our general outlook.

Above all, G.P.P. is YOUR platform to air YOUR views, and to say what YOU really want about your own experiences. So let's be hearing from you.



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C.N.D. AND NOSTALGIA

Dear Friends,
Could I please make two points about your issue number 2?

I'd like to confirm what Cliff D. Hanley says about the GLASGOW HERALD letters column. There is somebody changing letters without seeking the permission of the letter writers. And it's not just cutting for length. Any strong turn of phrase is being left out or replaced.

Have you noticed too that they have stopped dating the letters, so that they can save up letters for quiet days? They are also very sensitive about criticism of their own reporters and a letter arguing with another reader is more likely to be printed than one which seems to attack the paper or its' staff.

About your report on the Scottish C.N.D. Cruise and Demo to Holy Loch, I'll resist the temptation to be angry, and I'll try to be defensive and reasonable instead. You say the marchers were nostalgic, but several speakers tried to oppose that attitude, and I thought the demonst-

rators responded warmly to their demand that we look forward rather than back. As you admit too, there was a very good attendance of young people.

If there was "nothing to do but listen to speeches", I suggest that the speeches were good, that they were the shortest speeches ever



heard, and that room was found in a very tight timetable for an impromptu speech by one man who wanted to do more than "listen" (and then moan afterwards.- a wee bit anger creeping in!)

We were not just "preaching to the converted" because there were a number of local people listening, and some joined S.C.N.D. as a result of what they heard, and because we took the trouble to set up a loud sound system which let us make a direct appeal to some of the

American sailors, and because the speeches and the appeal were reproduced in newspapers and other media on quite a good scale.

About the "decline" you assume is taking place still in C.N.D., the Campaign has been GROWING again steadily since 1973, no matter how you measure growth; and the most active members will be delighted to share the decisions and workload with any of your readers, including direct-actionists, in a democratic way.

IAN DAVISON
(Secretary, SCOTTISH C.N.D.)

EDITORIAL REPLY:

We don't dispute the fact that some of the speakers at the rally warned against nostalgia, but doesn't that in itself show that this feeling was present in large amounts? It certainly existed in the minds of those to whom our reporter spoke. Young as well as old.

Youth in itself is no guarantee against a backward looking attitude.

Essentially, we believe that a large proportion of those

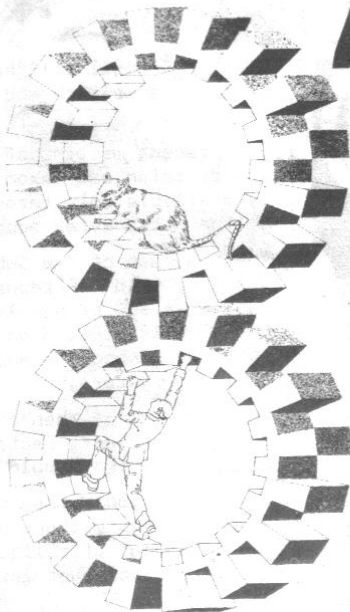
KEPPPOCH- FACTOR UNDER ATTACK

Tenants in the Keppoch area of Glasgow have been attacking their local factor through the pages of their local paper the Possil Post.

The people are angry at the length of time it takes for repairs to be done in their homes. Some people have been waiting TEN YEARS to have their repairs properly seen to, and they are still waiting.

The paper carries four pages of complaints and unfinished repairs which include damaged lofts, leaking baths, streaming walls, dampness, condensation, damaged fencing and plagues of MAGGOTS!

When asked why there were such big delays in having the repairs seen to a local official stated the reason to be economics!



However this reason is pure rubbish. The repairs have not been carried out over a period of ten years or so yet the cuts only started around a year and a half ago.

The real reason for the delays in repairs would appear to be the incompetent management of the Housing Management Office in Bardowie St. The local officials appear to spend their time sitting on their fat arses reading Playboy or playing noughts and crosses to pass the time. It's about time someone gave them a boot out of their fancy offices, houses, cars, etc into a council house with chronic damp, maggots and a leaking bath. Whats the betting that they would kick some life into their workers to get that house in order?

GAP SITES SCANDAL!

Maryhill has more than it's fair share of gap sites, where tenements have been demolished & nothing is planned in the immediate future to take their place. Gap sites are just one aspect of the chronic URBAN DEVASTATION that the politicians & planners have created in the 'inner city' areas of Glasgow.

The sheer contradiction in places like Maryhill is that the area, & in particular the kids, are crying out for social facilities.

It would cost in the region of £500 to level and prepare a gap site for a football pitch or play area, instead the kids have to play among the rubble, glass strewn refuse and filth.

Take an example: Napier-shall Primary School in North Woodside Rd. has no football pitch



SPRINGBURN Rubble !

despite the fact that the school's area is small in comparison with the massive gap sites stretching up to Raeberry St. For matches in the primary school league, such as the one they played with St. Andrews school in Milton (losing 3

3-0 at half time - the action rivalled a good match at Firhill !) the organisers have to arrange to book a pitch for every specific game. There are areas in that part of Maryhill easily big enough to accommodate a sports pitch such as Chyrnside in Milton.

Up at Queens X, local residents have taken the initiative of constructing their own play area & more of this has to follow.

For too long the question of land ownership has been centred around the issue of absentee landlords and Highland Clearances.

What about the landlords and clearances on our own doorstep!!! Who owns the land anyway? The Council is supposed to act in the peoples interests (sic) yet they cannot resist making an eyre out of large parts of the city & don't provide adequate facilities. The time is emerging when working people will take over the land & their communities as a whole (after all it's the thing to STEAL BACK WHAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM YOU).



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Central Office for Scotland
Argyle House 3 Lady L

GOOD NEWS

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Glasgow Council will soon prove to the doubters that it has the welfare and happiness of its electors at heart.

At a recent meeting of the Mental Health Subcommittee the decision was taken that "Happy Pills", previously available only through a doctor, should be added to the city's water supply.

The Chairman of the Subcommittee, Councillor Vincent Vallium, told GPP reporters: "Research has shown that over 90% of people in the city are unhappy with their daily life. High prices, high bus fares, the shortage of housing and just sheer boredom were the deciding factors.

Our researchers then showed that the addition of the magic ingredient, Factor X, until now only available on prescription, would produce 99% happiness.

The people would then be prepared to take whatever we do to them without any fuss. It will also have the advantage of relieving people of just that little bit of control over their own lives."

WHAT IS A BOSS?

WHEN THE BODY WAS FIRST CREATED, THERE WAS A ROW AMONG THE DIFFERENT PARTS AS TO WHO WAS GOING TO BE THE BOSS!

THE BRAIN SAID:
SINCE I AM THE NERVE CENTRE THAT CONTROLS EVERYTHING AND DOES ALL THE THINKING I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!

THE FEET SAID:
SINCE I CARRY ALL THE BLOODY WEIGHT, I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!

THE HANDS SAID:
SINCE I'VE GOT ALL THE MANUAL WORK TO DO AND EARN THE MONEY TO KEEP YOU LOT GOING, I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!

THE EYES SAID:
WELL, I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU ALL AND LET YOU KNOW WHEN DANGER LURKS, SO I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!

THE BOSS!

AND SO IT WENT ON WITH THE HEART, LUNGS ETC. PUTTING THEIR CLAIMS IN, TILL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT BUT THE ARSE.

BUT THIS REACTION UPSET THE ARSE SO MUCH THAT WITH AN ANGRY SOUND, IT CUT ITSELF OFF AND REFUSED TO WORK ANYMORE.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

ALL THE OTHERS LAUGHED WHEN IT MADE ITS BID FOR BOSS. WHOEVER HEARD OF AN ARSE BEING BOSS OF ANYTHING? [ANSWERS ON A POSTCARD PLEASE]

COO THIS! THANKY!

SOON THE BRAIN WAS FEVERISH. THE EYES ACED.

THE FEET FELT WORK, THE HANDS HUMMED HAPPY AT THE SIDES, ALL THE OTHER PARTS STRUGGLED VAINTLY TO KEEP GOING.

FINALLY, THEY ALL GAVE IN TO THE ARSE, AND IT BECAME THE BOSS.

SOB WORK, LASS. BOWNS FOR ALL. DON'T SOLE THE SHIT. GLAH, GLAH GLAH!

AND WHILE THEY ALL DID THE WORK, THE ARSE JUST SAT BACK AND LET OUT A LOT OF HOT AIR.

AND THE POINT OF THIS TALE IS THAT IF WE CAN ALL LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY, WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE ARSES OF OURSELVES!

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TENANTS PICKET KAY'S BBC PROGRAMME

Secrecy
exposed.

knowledge of the local population-the very people that Mrs Carmichael was so intent on rubbing shoulders with only a few short months ago..

The police were present in force and no one was allowed in to the meeting several local people made the point that the police were very heavy handed in their manner and in fact harassed those who were picketing the meeting. A GPP reporter was arrested by the police and we will be reporting on this in a later issue.

Lillybank residents are applying for an injunction on the B.B.C. not to show the documentaries and we will be keeping our readers up to date on any further developments.

Councillor M'Kay

Bailie Wood

COUNCIL MINUTES

received
with
anonymous
letter
on

KAY
CARMICHAEL
"East-end
Snooper"



BARROW-FIELD

LOST FOR WORDS -in Govan

"If something needs
to be done
and in the end
it is not done
then you and I
are among those
who
did not do it."



In view of the resentment which genuine tenants are bound to feel when highly paid academics are permitted in this manner not just to jump the housing queue but also to spy on her neighbours, can the Chairman assure us that there are no more such bogus tenants operating in Council houses?

My Lord Provost, we will certainly look very closely at this. It seems to be really rather surprising that such a charming lady should have been able to conceal herself in this way in this particular area and apparently get away with it, successfully, until she, as I understand, rather injudiciously allowed her findings to be made public which seems to me to be perhaps a little unwise, when you are identifying a particular street and particular persons, and my sympathies in this matter lie with Mrs. M'Grattan and her friends in the street who are so agitated.

The last question, my Lord Provost, is by Councillor M'Kay, again to the Chairman of the Housing Committee. Councillor M'Kay asks—Will the Chairman of the Housing Committee confirm that a council house was let to an individual using an assumed name for the purpose of carrying out sociological research on her neighbours?

The application for the let of a house was received from the Department of Social Administration and Social Work of the University of Glasgow in April, 1976, requesting a house in an area where there was evidence of deprivation and where the University could undertake a short field study into child rearing practices in some Glasgow families with a view to identifying anti-social influences in the socialisation process of the child. This application was presented to the Housing Management Committee on 12th April, 1976, (Print No. 24, page 1348), and the committee agreed to authorise the let of suitable accommodation for the project during the period 1st October to 31st December, 1976. On 23rd September a Missive of Let was signed by Mrs. Carmichael for the house at 90 Dunning Street, the tenancy commencing 28th September, 1976, and being terminated on 15th November with effective date 28th December, 1976.

THE CITY PLANNERS HAVE
SWEEP ASIDE HUMAN NEED
ONCE AGAIN.

This time the victims
are immigrant kids
trying to learn English
in the Language Centre
in GOVAN.

Soon the school will be-
come an island in a sea
of noisy & dangerous

traffic.

Tradeston St., on one
side of the school has

been closed for 3 years
and now the planners are
making another bid to
reopen it.

Ms Kilgower, a teacher
at the school told us WH
Tradeston St. should stay
closed:-

" If the school is surr-
ounded by busy traffic
it is only a matter of
time before a kid is
knocked down...There
will be no place for
the school bus to park
safely....The older
pupils cannot be kept
in school all day and
the new hypermarket is
an extra lure to cross
the roads....Many of
the kids do not under-
stand English well
enough to pay heed to
warnings about the road
.....Indeed many of them
have just come from
rural villages and the
very idea of 'traffic'

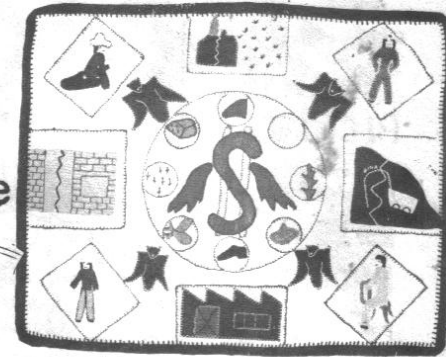
is something new to

them.....The kids are
keen to learn English
and they want to list-
en carefully to the
teachers and the tape-
recorders, but already
the noise from the road
is almost impossible.
Lorries visiting the
nearby hypermarket dis-
rupt the lessons throug-
hout the day.

PUBLIC MEETING

Language Centre, 17th
November, 7.30 Wallace
St. - ways of stopping
the reopening of Trade-
ston St. will be disc-
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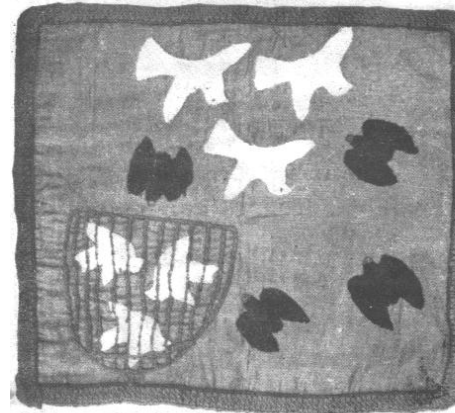
"We want
people patchwork
to know pictures
from Chile
the truth."



It is a popular art of resistance invented by the people themselves because of an overpowering need to express the bitter experiences they are going through and to find a channel of communication to the world outside.

In fact in the details of these pictures — sometimes disguised and "coded" because of censorship — is contained a whole chronicle of the lives of Chilean workers today,

their problems, all the things that affect them most. You see the day of the Coup, the troops running wild in the streets; you see the prisons, especially from the point of view of women visiting their men, or trying to find out where they've been taken. You see all the problems of the shanty-towns: the *comedores* (collective kitchens organized to feed the children); a woman going from house to house asking neighbours to look after her child while she searches for work; children selling sweets along the main roads in order to survive; searching the dustbins at night for scraps of food; the cemetery crowded with family names.



THIRD
EYE

CENTRE

NOV.

graphic
art from
Limburg

HUGH'S BLUES



Things really happened one Saturday afternoon for the local pigs in the Alloa area when a police-walkie-talkie went missing after some wise-guy came out of a police-station(cop-shop).

He directed local pigs up & down closes all around the area before they tumbled to what was going on!

The Grand Opening of one of the large stores in the horrible new Shopping Centre in Sauchiehall St. was carried out by prominent businessman, Sir Hugh Frazer.

Everyone at the ceremony was enjoying themselves when the Master of Ceremonies began to signal for silence for Sir Hugh's speech.

As a result, so our sources tell us, the enjoyment of those fortunate enough to be present to hear Sir Hugh's speech was marred somewhat since nothing could be heard and all that could be seen was the Great Man's mouth opening and closing.

Among the songs played by the Military Band was the evergreen Shirley Bassey hit, "Big Spender".

The Military Band which was waiting outside saw the hand signals and mistook them for their cue to begin.

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TONY
BUNYAN
"POLITICAL
POLICE
IN
BRITAIN"
McLellan
Galleries
Thurs 10th
Nov. 7.30pm

POSSIL'S CITY FARM



Have you ever wanted to do your own thing but had nowhere to do it? Either there is no room in the house or you do not have a garden of your own. Somewhere to make furniture, fix your bike or toys, look after chickens, keep pigeons, goats or pigs, grow flowers or vegetables. Just the sort of place in fact where you could spend an afternoon or a summer evening doing as you please or helping someone else.

Well the local people in Greater Possil are going to build such a place for themselves on a vacant site off Ellesmere Street in Hamiltonhill. This will be the site of the first CITY FARM in the West of Scotland, being built and managed entirely by the local community with some support from local authorities, local business, and local groups.

The local people have formed a steering committee to get things off the ground, apply for planning permission, commission a soil survey, raise funds etc. The committee plan to have an open day on the

site of the city farm to give the local people first hand experience of what will be involved. Things planned include pony rides for the children, greenhouse and pigeon loft exhibits, a chicken run complete with chickens, fresh vegetables for sale, refreshments etc. The committee are also visiting local schools to tell the pupils how they can get involved. They will be shown a film of other city farms already well established in England. This will give the pupils some idea as to what to expect from their own city farm if they participate.

Plans are also underway to approach local business for donations of everything from hard cash to tools, wood, nails, paint, bricks, cement, seeds, fertilizer, wire, rope, in fact everything and anything of use. So all you local businessmen out there SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

The Greater Possil City Farm will offer the local people a unique opportunity to provide for itself a play area for the kids, an open air community centre, a place for OAP's, friends and neighbours, play groups and street groups to muck in and enjoy themselves.

Everyone will be involved because such a project will depend on sharing skills such as organisation, being a secretary, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians, general labourers, people who know about animals etc. Nobody will be excluded from taking part. There will be something for everyone to do.

Eventually the farm will support itself by selling fresh vegetables, chickens, eggs, etc. Or by manufacturing wooden toys, go-karts, etc for sale.

If you wish to get involved in the city farm or would like to donate money or materials to the project you can contact JIM DOYLE, 23 BALGLASS ST, or J. LYON, 28 BYSHOTT ST.

COMMUNITY IN CRISIS

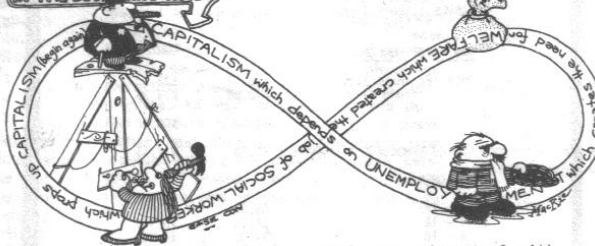
On Wednesday 19th October in the St.Brides Centre, Partick the latest meeting of the GLASGOW WEST ACTION COMMITTEE took place.

"The hard facts of life" as Neil Carmichael, M.P. put it, was the dominant theme of speaker after speaker. Fair enough, it is a FIGHT TO LIVE in a real sense these days.

Another speaker, Cllr. Bob McTaggart of Anderstown, gave the 20 or so people in the hall a graphic account of the "overkill" in Council inspired cuts - baths (Gorbals & Townhead are no more); washhouses (no more); wash-houses; Halls, including Rutherglen recently modernised at a cost of £12m.; Cleansing - overtime cut back; Housing, covering repairs (£2.4m. less). On top of this, as a Labour Councillor, who

had toe the line inherited the cuts that his predecessors thought out, he saw "no credibility if rents forced through" as well.

ON THE BEGINNING WAS...



However, the main significance of the meeting revolved around what working people DO to fight cuts etc, and why they are so apathetic towards politicians, 'left' Labour and Communist included.

The contribution by the GPP Activist served to momentarily bring into question the underlying assumptions they were making.

If so-called "Socialists" as Labour councillors & mp's were involved in administering 'the cuts' and decline in the standard of living, is it any wonder working

people are pissed of with all this? If what you say is contradicted by what you do, then your words (typical of all politicians) amount to nothing more than rhetoric.

There was a brief debate of the Libertarian ideas of the GPP activist by a member of the Labour Party Young Socialists. He tried to label

any alternative solution as 'Utopian', which is ironical indeed in that it is surely 'Utopian' to expect to achieve 'Socialism' by implementing 'capitalist policies and without the mass understanding and involvement in creating an alternative Socialist Society.

To put it bluntly, unlike the aspiring Labour and Communist party bureaucrats, our thinking can't be moulded into how our oppressors think. The 'hard facts of life' won't disappear by electing anybody - SNP or Socialists - to do a 'better job'.

Working people in asserting their control over their own workplaces and communities create the seeds of an alternative and lead to the abolition of the system. Bosses & bureaucrats need us, we don't need them!

CLAIMANTS UNION'S GUIDE TO SURVIVAL



THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE CLAIMANTS' AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION, WHO FIGHT COLLECTIVELY AROUND THE CLAIMANTS' CHARTER.

The table gives a brief rundown on just what you are entitled to under the 1976 Supplementary benefits Act.

If you are a claimant and, after looking at the table, suspect that you are being underpaid, you should write to your local office and ask them to send you ASSESSMENT FORM A124.

This form is similar to a wage slip, and gives you the details of how your benefit is made up.

It tells you what you are due for your wife, kids, rent, and any extra fuel or diet allowances you are due.

URGENT NEEDS

One of the most important sections of the Act is the bit on "exceptional needs" - Section 4 (Urgent Needs) of the 1976 Act.

The D.H.S.S. can make payments OVER THE COUNTER in cases of urgent need.

This section also applies to workers on strike, but he or she can claim benefit only for their family, not for themselves.

Section 3 of the Act allows the DHSS to make a lump sum payment to cover an exceptional need, or to meet an expense not covered by the weekly payment.

When making a claim under this section, quote the 1976 Act. For example "I wish to claim under the Section 3(1) for an exceptional needs payment to cover the following..."

You don't need to go to the office to make this claim, just drop them a line saying you want to claim.

This section covers clothing, footwear, bedding, pots and pans, armchairs, and lots of other furni



ture- IN FACT, ALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Removal expenses, repairs expenses for visiting people in hospital or prison, fuel debts and rent arrears, tools and clothes necessary to start work.. and anything else you can think of.

along a friend or Claimants Union member with you.

If they are going to visit you at home, then demand that they give you 24 hrs. notice. This is your right.

Don't be fooled if the Visiting Officer tells

entitled to. All payments of this type are discretionary.

Never take "NO" for an answer. APPEAL against any decision which is against you.

NEVER GO ALONE TO THE APPEAL.. AND BE PREPARED. Keep a copy of your appeal and don't forget to date it.

You are allowed two friends or representatives with you at the appeal, and can call as many witnesses as you want.

Everybody's expenses are refunded by the Tribunal, whether or not the appeal is successful, and whether you are working or not. Travelling expenses and wages are b all refunded.

Publications, Information, Leaflets- come along to your local Claimants' and unemployed Workers Union. Or, if there isn't one in your area, why not start one yourself?

Claimants Unions give people the chance to meet others in the same

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There are no Atoms for Peace

IN WESTERN EUROPE AND IN THE U.S.A. OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MILITANT IN RECENT MONTHS. IF THE PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN BRITAIN GO AHEAD, IT IS LIKELY THAT SIMILAR SCENES WILL BECOME COMMONPLACE HERE TOO.

THE SECRETARY FOR STATE FOR ENERGY, MR. BEIN, HAS CALLED FOR A PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN BRITAIN. WHAT DEBATE THERE HAS BEEN, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CENTRED IN THE SCIENTIFIC PRESS.

HERE, AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT IS AN ARTICLE BY ANDY GATES WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN PEACE NEWS FOR 9TH SEPTEMBER 1977. WE PLAN TO RETURN TO THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

The development of nuclear reactors for electricity generation sprang from the creation of the atomic bomb, with the claim that this most horrifying of inventions was being put to peaceful use. But the technologies of nuclear power production and making atomic bombs are so closely interlinked—and interdependent—that it's hard to imagine one appearing without the other.

There are two materials that are known to have been used as the "explosives" in atomic bombs. The bomb that destroyed Hiroshima used uranium-235, which occurs naturally but only as seven atoms in every thousand of uranium. Separating it from the bulk of uranium-238 is an extremely long process: the method used during the war involved something like five million operations. But some kinds of nuclear reactor use fuel which is "enriched" in uranium-235 (ie the proportion is increased to around 30 atoms in 1,000) and countries which have been supplied with these reactors are asking for equipment to do this enrichment. Anyone with this equipment could produce material for an atomic bomb by passing the fuel back through the works again and again until the proportion of uranium-235 was high enough.

The bomb that destroyed Nagasaki, on the other hand, used plutonium. This element doesn't exist naturally, but is created when elements such as uranium are exposed to powerful radiation and absorb particles to become different—or new—elements. This happens in any nuclear reactor.

COVER-UP

The first reactors in the world to supply electricity for sale (at Calder Hall) were in fact built to produce plutonium for bombs—which you wouldn't have known from the opening ceremony heralding them as the start of a new age of limitless virtually free electricity. They were based on the design of earlier plutonium-producing reactors at Windscale next door, which produced electricity as a by-product. Keeping them cool made a lot of steam, which was used to drive turbines to keep the enrichment plant (also for bombs) going. All but three of the reactors now operating in Britain are basically developments of that design—and it was a fire in one of the Windscale originals which spread radioactive iodine over the Cumbrian coast in 1957.

The whole nuclear power programme has gone ahead in the style of a military pro-



thinking about the effects later. The electricity boards are now complaining that they're overloaded with spent fuel. (The same process that creates plutonium in the reactor also makes other materials which "poison" the reaction, so the fuel has to be removed after a while.) It seems that little thought was given to dealing with this spent fuel when the reactors were built. Some has been passed through a process at Windscale which is now described as a reprocessing plant but was almost certainly built as a plutonium extraction plant for the weapons programme. As well as plutonium and purified uranium for reactor fuel (at a much higher cost than fuel made from new uranium) the plant produces three categories of waste. Part is only slightly radioactive and is dumped into the Irish

Sea, part is highly radioactive but decays rapidly to reach a "safe" level after a few years in storage... and some stuff just won't go away.

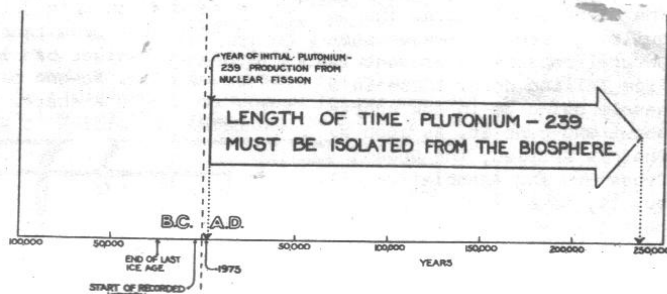
LETHAL LEGACY

That stuff is the reason why a new reprocessing plant like the one proposed at Windscale won't solve the problem of dealing with used fuel—if anything it'd make it worse. Apart from producing plutonium in a form that bombs could be made from, it separates and concentrates the fraction of the fuel which is highly radioactive and takes a very long time (tens of thousands of years for some constituents) to decay into stable elements. So, apart from the thousands of tons of spent fuel sitting in cooling ponds at the power stations, we're stuck with this high-activity waste from the fuel that has been reprocessed (ie largely from the weapons programme) kept in double walled stainless steel tanks while the authorities try to think up something to do with it. Being much more radioactive than the fuel it's produced from, it gives out a great deal of heat and has to be refrigerated so that it won't dry out and catch fire. And it's extremely corrosive, so as well as building one or two new tanks the size of a small hall every year for the waste from existing plant, they have to replace the old ones as the waste starts to rot through them. The tanks themselves become radioactive, so there's no way of repairing or demolishing them.

JOBS, BUT NO TAKERS

Just to deal with this waste the nuclear complex has already lumbered us with, someone has to go on building tanks and continuously supervising their cooling for

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many thousands of years. (Unless they ever develop a system for solidifying it, "persuade" someone to let them bury it under their area, and go away with their fingers crossed hoping they got their sums right). The work demands extremely high standards of welding, and by the time British Nuclear Fuels have finished a six-week security check on applicants for the job they've disappeared off to work on oil rigs. And nobody likes working in a place where you go through a dozen security checks every day, so they don't stay on the job long. The result is that the replacement work is now only just ahead of the tanks wearing out. If they're having trouble getting workers after twenty years, what chance on two hundred or two thousand years? And how long before they start conscription?

WANT A DEAD NUKE?

Another problem the authorities haven't faced up to (unsurprisingly in view of the programme's origin in a pull-all-the-stops-out military scheme) is that reactors don't last for ever. The first generation were paid for on the basis of their lasting twenty years, and they're as old as that now. They could well go on working for another twenty, but sometime there'll be signs of weakness that'll mean shutting them down. Like the tanks, the reactor vessels become radioactive, so even after all the fuel has been removed they can't be repaired or demolished. The only idea they've come up with so far for dealing with dead reactors is to cover them with earth and leave them. But even that won't work at Dungeness, where the reactors were thoughtlessly built on the tip of a shingle spit that's moving eastwards at up to a yard a year. It's said there are dumper trucks constantly carting stones back to where the sea just washed them away from—and that's another job that'll need doing for a century or so.

THE FAST BREEDER

Uranium mining won't be one of those jobs. If reactors go on being built at the present rate, "economically recoverable" supplies won't last beyond the end of this century. So the atomic whizz-kids who were promising us "nearly free power for ever" in the 'Fifties have been looking for ways of making what uranium there is go further, and they've come up with the fast breeder. Though this has been developed as part of the "peaceful programme", it's basically just another idea for making plutonium—and lots of it.

In a "classical" reactor the neutrons* produced by splitting uranium atoms are slowed down (by passing through graphite or heavy water*) so they're more effective for splitting more atoms to keep the chain reaction* going. In a fast breeder the reactor itself is about the size of a dustbin and contains a few tons of plutonium, running much faster (put bluntly, it's closer to exploding). So there are enough slow neutrons around anyway, and the fast neutrons leave the core and are absorbed in a blanket of natural uranium (ie mostly uranium-238) around it. There they "breed" other elements, including lots of plutonium, which is extracted from the uranium in a plant like the one proposed at Windscale and (so we're told) used to fuel the cores of more fast breeders or put into classical reactors. These things are the economists' dream: after twenty or thirty years a commercial fast reactor would have produced as much plutonium as was needed to fuel its core in the first place; anything after that looks like free fuel.

WHOSE TERROR?

But they'd be a nightmare for the rest of us. There's been a lot of publicity about the risk of "terrorists" getting hold of plutonium from a fast breeder, and of

states which don't already have nuclear weapons developing them from "peaceful" reactors. But the horrors of a nuclear explosion are just the same whoever set it off—the states that already have atomic bombs are literally terrorists, holding each other and the rest of the world at terror.

To keep the number of atomic terrorists from increasing, any fast breeder programme goes hand in hand with armed nuclear police and with even tighter controls over the nuclear workforce—giving up the right to strike over pay or conditions, with the certainty of strike-breaking by the army if they did. And it's even been suggested that libraries keep computer records of who borrows which books, as a check on who's boning up on nuclear physics.

The authorities have enough arguments for controls like this, and worse—anybody who did get hold of a fast breeder fuel element could hold them to ransom, even if they couldn't build a bomb from it (and it's been shown to be possible). One kilogram of the stuff (about a wineglass full) evenly scattered as fine particles could theoretically cause a milligon cases of cancer, and would certainly cause a good few thousands. So either they move the stuff around the country under heavily armed guard (as they already do from Dounreay to Windscale) or they concentrate the whole fast breeder cycle inside a tightly guarded compound—to make sure that they are the only people who have the power to terrorise the world.

The nuclear complex has left us with a terrible legacy—if the people who built Stonehenge had left a store of plutonium, 85 per cent of it would still be with us. The power programme started as a front for weapons-production, and it hasn't changed that much. In any case, it won't fill the "energy gap" for more than a few decades. We have the awesome task of dismantling what can be dismantled, of learning to live with less energy and of preparing to keep the weapons materials out of the hands of all terrorists into the unimaginable future.

A reply to a "box-ad" in G.P.P. no.1

Dear Comrades,
Glasgow needs a people's press. But it needs phoney journalism like it needs dirty water.

Your item suggesting a squat in Lyndhurst Gardens was just that. Your 'investigation' cannot have gone further than walking past and seeing that it was boarded up. It would have been worth your while to have enquired at the Housing Association office two hundred yards away.

The situation is this. The building needs extensive structural repairs to prevent it from falling down. There is a hassle going on in the courts about who owns it. As soon as that is settled, the Queens Cross Housing Association will buy it, make it good for the next thirty years, and then let it to tenants at a fair price. As for the rest of it, it's a waste of space.



— that is, the lowest rent the government will allow us.

The association is run by local people. Anyone who lives in an affected building can join by buying a £1.00 share. Anyone else who wants to join is asked to give a good reason—that way we exclude bad landlords and such. No-one can buy more than one share. The management committee is elec-



ted once a year by the members. When we move tenants in to Lyndhurst Gdns they will be entitled to join, vote, and stand for election. We will handle the factoring ourselves to ensure a good, quick service.

In other words, we have set up a company to improve and build houses, using government money, which is in the control of the community. Our borrowing limit is £15 million.

We did all this by hard work, thought and detailed investigation. I would recommend this method of improving life in our city to your reporter.

BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

David Godwin
CHAIRPERSON
Queens Cross Housing Assoc.

Community paper LONGSIGHT NEWS under attack

JULY 16 / AUGUST

The GPP extends its solidarity to the Manchester community newspaper LONGSIGHT NEWS in their fight against a libel action.

A local policeman, P.C. Kelly was featured in an article some 2 years ago. This led, 7 months later, to a threat of libel action which is currently being pursued under the new Police Complaints procedure where the individual policeman can sue on the basis of a complaint made to the police.

So, far from being an incident involving 2 individuals - the writer of the article & the policeman - the issue really is between the police as a whole & the LONGSIGHT NEWS.

In June, 1975, the paper printed the article which was about a 14 year old boy suspected of breaking a window.

"The person whose window had been broken, who is also a friend of the lad's family, saw him being literally dragged past her front door. She called out to the police that he was only 14 but they took no notice & dragged him right past his mother's door, into a police car & took him down to the police station. At the station he was not only questioned but also beaten about by a P.C. Kelly".

The boy was later acquitted of the charge, & the paper emphasised that it is ILLEGAL to question people under 17 without their parents being present.

An offer to the policeman in question to reply to the article was declined & the libel action set into motion.

This was only one incident among many and LONGSIGHT NEWS, along with



others in Manchester are campaigning against the level of police violence in the area. The paper & Manchester Law Centre are collecting evidence of these occurrences.

This is probably the first case of a community newspaper being sued by the police for libel & it is most important that the alternative press retain their right

to print truthful but controversial news which establishment papers such as the Record or Herald would ignore.

The libel laws are obviously responsible to a large degree for censorship & self-censorship (i.e. - the fear of printing an article that might incur a heavy financial penalty in court).

Whatever the facts in relation to this story, LONGSIGHT NEWS printed the evidence they had & offered the policeman a right of reply. Instead, with the backing of police solicitors, P.C. Kelly is embarking on a potentially costly & lengthy court action. If other members of the police

decide to make a habit of threatening court action every time some one makes a complaint they don't like, people will soon be put off making complaints at all. Also the alternative press would be intimidated. It is this sort of suppression that LONGSIGHT NEWS is refusing to accept.

(adapted from a report by Peoples News Service).
Defence group, c/o
109 Oxford Rd.,
Manchester M1.
day -(061) 236-3112,
night-(061) 224-6387.



There will be a community and alternative papers conference in Glasgow in the near future to discuss the setting up of the SCOTTISH COMMUNITY AND ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS NETWORK.

The organisers of the conference hope that the local community papers attend this conference and give their opinions and constructive comments on the proposals that will be presented.

Further details can be obtained from Jim Torley, 57 Allander Street, Glasgow G22 5HB. Or phone 041 336 4341 evenings.

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present (young and old) were on a pilgrimage, paying homage to the site of the first skirmish in the 'radical' sixties.

When we speak of a "decline" in the C.N.D. we are not necessarily speaking in quantitative terms. To the best of our knowledge there has been no great innovation in the C.N.D.'s activities in recent years. There has only been a qualitative improvement in the Campaign's position (more film shows, petitions, marches, etc.)

Lastly we are curious that you say that you are willing to work with "direct actionists" among others. This would seem to indicate a change in the Campaign's views since its' heyday, when the Glasgow Committee of 100 was excluded from using the C.N.D. office. However you are entitled to learn from past mistakes.

The GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS will be pleased to report on any activities being organised by the Scottish C.N.D.

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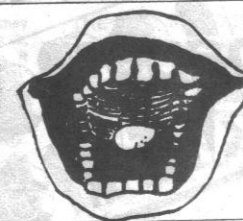
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QUESTION THE QUESTIONER!

I have just started my teachers training at Jordanhill College. After only three weeks I have got the message - we have progressed from the bad old days of rote learning and authoritarian teachers.

However, there is no doubt in my mind that the new 'open plan' progressive education is just as repressive as ever it was.

If you went into the classroom of a modern primary school, you would be surprised how attractive and interesting the place is. Even the infant classes have their own libraries with baby armchairs close by.

The kids no longer sit staring in silence at the back of someones head. Now the kids sit round tables in friendly looking groups.

The walls are covered with attractive displays and visual aids.

Students at the college are constantly told how important it is to get the kids interested and involved in the lesson.

Theoretically, lessons are to be based on the child's own experience & background, but when it comes to teaching practice I learned what a fake this is.

Teachers still see it as their duty to teach working class kids to accept middle class values and behaviour.

The emphasis is still on getting the kids to do what the teacher thinks is important and not what the kids are really interested in.

The kids still sit bored while the teacher goes rambling on.

More lip service is paid to the idea of pupil involvement. What this means in practice is that the teacher asks the kids questions to make sure they are still listening.

In Primary I, the kids take the game seriously and try hard to give good answers to the teachers questions.

Often it happens that there is more than one good answer to a certain question, but the kids soon learn that the only right answer is the teachers answer.

By primary IV the kids do their best to avoid answering questions if they can - except for the 'articulate', middle class kids who speak the teachers language.

Surely, good education should be based on encouraging the kids to

ASK questions, not just to answer them.

This is a vital distinction. The whole education system is steeped in this hypocrisy.



The important thing is not genuine curiosity and educational enquiry. What is important is testing and examination.

In this way the education system legitimises middle and upper class privilege and cons the working class into thinking they are fit for nothing but their lowly position in society.

LETTERS CONTINUED



When, oh when, will our highly qualified planners realize that the answer to our problem of housing the aged is not to bundle them all together under veritable house-arrest.

Dear G.P.P.,

I have just read your article in this months edition of GPP 'Aged's Uphill Struggle'. (October issue).

A similar problem exists for the aged tenants of Crathie Court in Partick, who are confronted on all sides by steep hills, even the entrance to this block of 2 apt. flats is hazardous. Situated at the peak of Thornwood, they have magnificent views down Thornwood Avenue to the nearest shops in Dunbarton Road and Crow Road - a poor consolation, for many of them could never make the descent never mind the return journey!

They must be integrated in society. Single and 2 apt flats should be built where their next door neighbour will not be another old frail person like themselves, but a younger family or fitter middle-aged couple.

Both will benefit from the help they can give each other and perhaps make us all realize (pedantic planners included) that love and caring go alongside our cries for more financial aid for our senior citizens.

Yours,
Carol Binnie,
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WHAT THE POLICE COMPUTER HAS ON YOU

G. G. Atherton is responsible for the Police National Computer. His offices are at Romney House, Tufon Street, SW1. The computer is housed behind the Police Training College at Hendon.

Mr. Atherton will not talk publicly about his job. Only once did he speak, privately, to a selected audience at the British Computer Society last year. He insisted that no one take notes.

Geoffrey Phillips is head of the Home Office Scientific Development Branch. His office is in Horseferry House. When approached about what information the police computer held, he refused to accept that the public has any right to know.

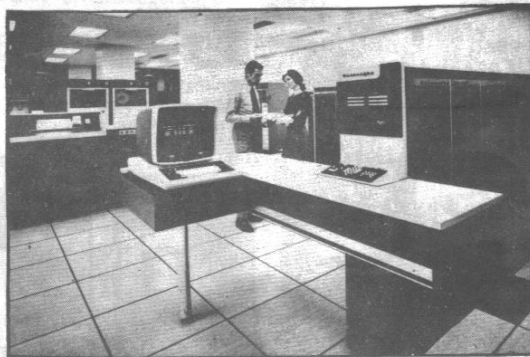
These two men, the 'Dr. Strangeloves' of secret police surveillance, are deciding what goes into the electronic files the police are building now. They are not accountable to Parliament. The Home Office insists it has only a 'watching brief', not a clearly defined responsibility, for what the Police National Computer holds and does.

Consequently the British police have more latitude in the use of computers than any other police force in West Europe and the United States. The technological basis for 1984 is no longer a dream, it is actually now, being implemented, absolutely unhampered by democratic controls, aside from the tacit assumption that Mr. Atherton and Mr. Phillips are honest men conscientiously doing their jobs.

Official Secrets

The People who designed the computer and work on it now have signed the Official Secrets Act which binds them to denying any knowledge of what it involved.

These are computer experts like Dr. John Parks, at the National Physical Laboratory, who invented the system whereby the Hendon computer receives wirephotos from the Scotland Yard fingerprint files; Tony Helman who was in charge of all the computer's programming, working for Hoskyns Systems Ltd, based in Farringdon Road; Garfield Collins and his colleagues at Brandons who trained the programmers; and the dozens of programmers who worked first at Tintagel House on the Albert Embankment, and later off



Horseferry Road. Many of them left disenchanted, because they worked only on very small sections, kept in the dark about what the overall system would do.

They knew only that at the centre are two Burroughs B6700 computers—among the largest ever built—linked to ICL disk storage units with a capacity for 1000 words on everyone in the country. These are connected to video display units in over 800 police stations. There are also 'dial-up' lines to government departments, meaning that at the touch of a finger the police's computerised files are made available to the Ministry of Defence.

Joe Kenny, Chairman of the British Computer Society's Privacy Committee and a computer expert in his own right, insists that the police have the capacity to tap personal records from virtually any other computer in the country. And they can do it without permission and without being detected by the banks, airlines, or government departments holding personal information they want themselves.

Round the clock

The computer now operates round the clock. It is connected directly to the

Swansea Motor Vehicle and Licensing computer and uses records of everyone who drives or has a car. It is also connected to the Customs and Excise computer. Programmes are being developed for it which record and analyse who drinks in what pub, with whom; where people park their cars at night, and other such intimate details. Geoffrey Phillips is extremely reluctant to talk about these and a good deal of other surveillance research going on.

The police have been given a free hand to collect and manipulate personal information to build computerised dossiers as they want. Aside from a few sporadic outbursts from backbenchers, the occasional pious meeting of the British Computer Society, and the dogged reminders from the NCCL, they have little to worry about. Mr. Atherton and Mr. Phillips have been able to get on very peacefully with their jobs. And the British police now have what many experts regard as the most sophisticated and least democratically controlled electronic surveillance network in the world.

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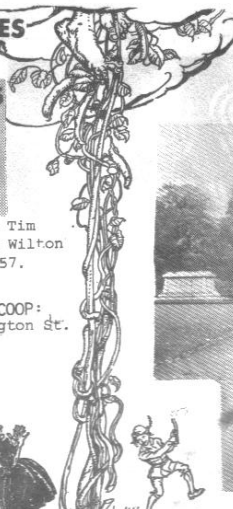
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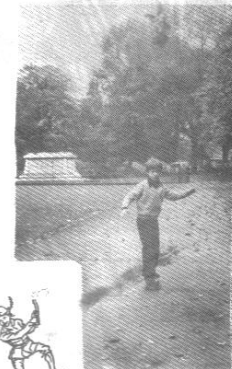
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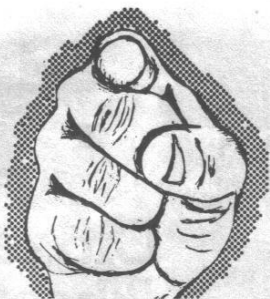


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YOUR RIGHTS ON ARREST IN SCOTLAND

Normally, when the police ask for your assistance, you will want to help them. This publication does not seek to discourage this. However, you should know your legal rights and know the circumstances when you are not legally obliged to help or co-operate.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

Make no statement, formal or informal, to any person until you have seen a solicitor and received legal advice. You are under no obligation to reply to a caution and charge. It may be in your interest to say nothing.

If, after arrest you are charged on petition and you consider that it would be in your best interests to make a statement, ask to be allowed to make a judicial declaration before the Sheriff. Your statement will then be accurately and impartially recorded. Being charged on Petition is the first step in solemn procedure which leads to trial by jury either in the Sheriff or High Court and applies to charges of a serious nature only.

The police MUST

Promptly after your arrest, allow you to have intimation of your arrest sent to a solicitor (this may mean the police will telephone for you.

You do not have the right to use the telephone yourself). They must allow you to have a private interview with your solicitor before you are brought to court. This right is of little assistance unless you know the name and address, and phone number of at least two solicitors. The SCCL will supply you with a list of solicitors on request; Make reasonable arrangements for your comfort and refreshment; Package any property taken from you in your presence. Do not sign for anything that does not belong to you.

The police MUST NOT

Compel you to accompany them to the police station unless you have been arrested. You may not be clear whether you are being arrested or not. If in doubt ask formally whether you are or not. Unless you have been arrested you are entitled to decline any "invitation" to go with the police. On arrest you have the right to be told immediately or as soon afterwards as is practical why you have been arrested.

Compel you to answer any question. Hold out any inducement or make any promise or threat in order to obtain a statement from you.

Suggest you plead guilty in court. The police in Scotland do not prosecute and do not have control of the charges which will be preferred in court.

Compel you to have your fingerprints taken against your will without first arresting you. However, you may be fingerprinted, photographed and searched if you have been arrested.

Compel you to appear in an identity parade unless they have reasonable cause for suspecting you of being the perpetrator of the crime under investigation. If you consider that you have been ill-treated make a formal complaint to the procurator fiscal.

He is an independent civil servant entrusted with the prosecution of crime within his district and not an arm of the police. If you have obvious injuries, have them photographed. If you consider the police have been abusive or very discourteous, you may complain to the Chief Constable as this is a police disciplinary matter.

You should

Always remain polite and reasonable.

Secure the presence of an independent witness in the police station whenever possible.

In Court

If charged with any offence do not offer any plea of 'guilty' or 'not guilty' until you have obtained legal advice. If in doubt, plead 'not guilty'. You may decide to change your plea to 'guilty' at a later date after you have seen a solicitor. You will not be prejudiced by doing this. Remember, you may think you are guilty but legal advice may show that you not, or that you are guilty of a different charge. A legal aid scheme solicitor should be on duty and he will advise you if you have no solicitor of your own. If you need it, he will apply to the Sheriff for legal aid on your behalf.

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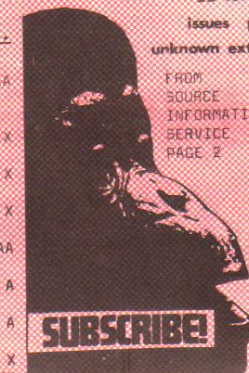
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WE CAN DO WITHOUT A PRIME MINISTER



BUT NOT FIREMEN!

The Peoples Press have been following the fire-
mens strike with interest and have extended solid-
arity to the firemen as we do all workers struggles!

The gutter press have been reporting fires ad
nauseum and telling their readers how gallant the
Army have been - what they have not been saying is
how the firemen are being harassed by the police
and the Social Security. Here is a brief account
of what the firemen have been up against since
they went on strike.

Firstly, the firemen have been harassed by the
Department of Health And Social Security. The
firemen, most of whom have never previously been
in a position of claiming Social Security were
approached by the Claimants Union which was in a
position to give the information that the S.S.

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DOWN & OUT xmas

The season of merriement &
Goodwill between humanity.
Well, so the Christmas
ideology would have us all
believe !

Fine sentiments but what
a contrast with actual
reality ! Take the home-
less for instance, 'the
march of progress' isn't
exactly knocking on
their 'doorstep'. This
Xmas the down-an-out
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AS WE SEE IT...



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MUTINIES: 1917-20. By Dave Lamb. (Solidarity 50p)

This carefully researched pamphlet
continues Solidarity's consistent
attempts to generalise the experience
of 'all those who are in conflict with
the present authoritarian social
structure, both in industry and society
at large'. (As We See It). Libertarians
often distrust the idea of militancy in
the armed and police forces, ignoring
the fact that they are recruited from
the working class and that the divisions
within them between order-givers and
order-takers are class divisions. They
sometimes confuse opposition to the
organisation with opposition to its rank
and file. It is a mistake one would not
expect of libertarians. Working for a
revolution with no vanguard or central
command, and one that does not
reproduce the organisation of the
bourgeois state, they depend more on
the disaffection, sororisation and
fraternisation of the armed forces than
do the Leninists.

MUTINIES: 1917 - 1920
Dave Lamb

BOOK



OF THE MONTH

Mutinies describes some of the
strikes, walkouts, demonstrations and
take-overs by soldiers and sailors at the
close of the First World War. Sick of
conditions sometimes worse than those
of enemy prisoners, eager for demobil-
isation, fearful of unemployment when
they were demobbed and reluctant to
fight against the Bolsheviks, they took
great risks and overthrew the authority
of their officers. (The class nature of
these mutinies is highlighted by the
number of NCO's who participated.)
Some of the mutinies were small and
shortlived: 500 RAF men at Biggin Hill
went on strike for improvements in
their living conditions, and met with
complete and almost immediate success.
Others were much larger: 20,000
soldiers went on strike at Southampton
and took over the docks, but were
easily quelled. Others were far-reaching
in their consequences: in Calais the
troops formed a Soldiers' and Sailors'
Association, democratically organised
on the basis of delegation. In the
actions that Dave Lamb mentions—and
his list is not exhaustive—some 80,000
people were involved. Considering the
risk of being killed on the spot, the
power against which they rose up and
the years of military indoctrination
some of them had absorbed, the
significance of these actions is greater
than the numbers might at first suggest.

The military and civil authorities
were extremely worried by the mutinies.
A secret War Office Circular (leaked by
the *Daily Herald*) asked officers for
regular reports on the loyalty of their
men. 'Will troops in various areas
respond to orders for assistance to
preserve the public peace? Will they
assist in strike-breaking? Will they
parade for draft to overseas, especially
to Russia?' it said. With small let-up in
pre-war industrial militancy and the
success of the Bolsheviks facing them,



Dear Sir,

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press" be extremely left wing
in outlook. An extreme right
wing paper would probably be
a better seller.

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dated socialist ideals of Marx &
other 19th century radicals in
perpetuating the class struggle.
Probably your backers are well
heeled 'trendies' with pseudo
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The "Axe to Grind" column just
shrieks of this. GOD working
class kids want out of their
enviornment they want cars houses
jobs etc.. Many escape by accept-
ing middle class values and work
towards these ideals. Thus they
escape from their background
hence where I live becomes a
dumping ground for rejects of
society.

need to be stimulated. The
teacher should lead from the
front, with belt in hand if
need be. Not a right wing view
as it got me my 11+. It did
not produce a bunch of



illitirates.Yours.

H.Stewart.

P.S. Your 3rd issue is
better. 1 & 2 were sheer
rubbish, even pornographic
in content.

13 Ladyloan Place.
Drumchapel G15
14-11-77

(Ed, this letter reproduced
exactly as we received it).

three arise

The teacher or 'trainee' who
wrote that article should come
and live in Drumchapel for a
time. CHRIST the whole idea of
education is to mold the kids
into what the teachers want the
kids to do. Not the other way
round. The 3 R's are being
neglected too much nowadays by
sandy pseudo intellectual
sachars. Kids are bored they

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More than one hundred women from the Essex International factory in Kilwinning, Ayrshire, have been told they are NOT to get the payrise promised to them at the end of their sixteen week strike in September. They have also been told that if they strike again the factory will be closed.

WOMEN HELD TO RANSOM

The women who staged an 8 week strike followed by an 8 week SIT-IN at the factory for higher wages in September ENDED their action after the company agreed to raise wages with a view to parity with wage levels in Londonderry, northern Ireland. For the same job the women over the water had been receiving up to £8 a week extra,

The rise was due to take effect on October 5th. In return the women had agreed to accept work-timing & work sheets. The company was also due to introduce a bonus system designed to stimulate "efficiency".

Several women spoke of conditions but fear of dismissal meant that they had to remain anonymous. High unemployment in the area means the company has a pool of labour to draw from.

"We have gained nothing from the strike, the only wage increase we have had is the 10% government increase which we would have got anyway. The management denies ever agreeing to the other increase. We have also been told our efficiency must increase from 24-50% before any bonus system will take effect."

"We were going to strike again when we realised we had been conned, but we were told if we did the plant would be closed. We now have a professional Security Firm on 24 hour guard in the factory, we must sign in, and out!"

A.U.E.W. engineering union official Bill Aitken told a GPP reporter: "This paydeal was made in good faith, I feel the conduct of the Essex International management confirms my opinion that they are the worst

employers I have met in my entire career."

Essex International are not strangers to industrial disputes. This year, strikes have occurred in Cleveland (Ohio), Hillsdale (Ontario) & elsewhere. Probably the worst is still running in Elwood, USA, where a 24 year old woman was shot in the back and is now partly paralysed, her husband shot in the hand - while on picket duty. In the same dispute, Georgia Ellis, a union spokesperson was beaten up in her home and some strikers have been hit by company cars while picketing sandi



The Essex International Sit-in during the summer.

mutinies — ctd.

the ruling class realised the reliability of the troops was crucial. Dave Lamb suggests that the Bolshevik military success was largely due to the disaffection of the troops sent to attack them. At Seleskoe and Archangel, counterrevolutionary forces refused to fight.

It is over-optimistic to believe that all mutinies are essentially libertarian. More important than the casting down of old structures is the character of the new organisation thrown up. Although many soldiers and sailors formed councils, other risings were diffuse expressions of anger—for example, the riot of ex-servicemen in Luton in which the town hall was burnt down. But *Mutinies* demonstrates that the 'impossible' can happen. As Dave Lamb puts it, 'the armed forces can themselves become a source of revolutionary activity giving expression to libertarian demands.' □ Marshal Coleman

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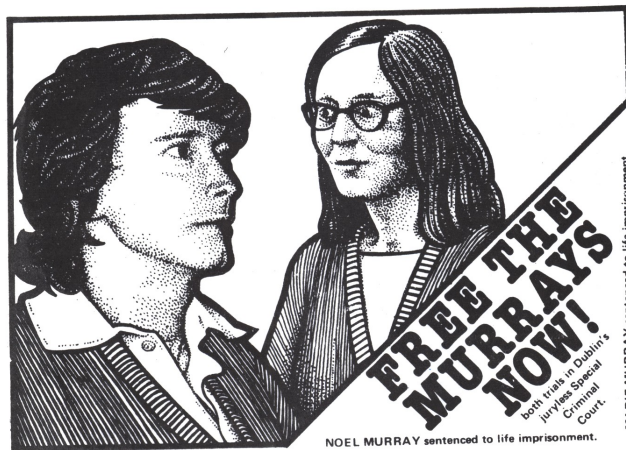
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NOEL MURRAY sentenced to life imprisonment.

MARIE MURRAY sentenced to life imprisonment.

Last December Dublin's Supreme Court squashed the death sentence imposed by the Special Criminal Court on Noel and Marie Murray. Noel was given life imprisonment and Marie put to retrial for capital murder, again in the juryless special criminal court. This May that trial took place and Marie is now serving life imprisonment for murder - the capital charge not being proved. This is after months of imprisonment, much of it in the death cell, and several 'trials'.

The 'evidence' against the Murraÿs would be laughable but for the seriousness of the charges and the intention of the state. They have been tortured, illegally held and isolated not only from their supporters but from access to lawyers. When the court does not require the prosecution to offer any real evidence, when the three state appointed judges are jury as well, when the press is silent - what kind of defence is possible? From the moment of arrest their enemies had found

them guilty. The death sentences would have been quietly carried off, but for a defence campaign starting in Dublin and spreading world wide.

But what happens now? Are we to accept the state's revenge? People were prepared to fight the death sentence - it is so final and barbaric. But is life imprisonment so much better; is the revenge of the state any less barbaric when they draw it out week by week, month by month, year by year, decade by decade? Is torture by gardai any better when it results in life imprisonment instead of death? Is the special criminal court suddenly acceptable to us? Of course not!

The Murraÿs are still fighting; the release of Ronan Stenson has shown that the state can't win every time, so too has the failure of the original death sentence.

Marie is appealing her sentence and Noel is charging the gardai for assault. But what are we doing? A few defence groups remain and they seek to carry on the campaign. We know there are many serving long terms in jail, more and more all the time, what makes the Murraÿs so special? Our answer to that question is simply - the Murraÿs are not special - we began campaigning for the Murraÿs and we have not won yet so we continue.

The Libertarian Education Association opposes the examination system.

Most schools are mainly concerned with sorting and grading children for their future roles in the



LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION /magazine (30p.)
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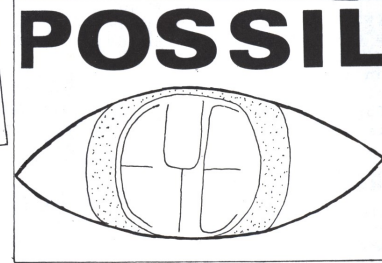
STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...
WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT COUNCILLOR HARLEY (Regional Councillor), HAS BEEN POLITICALLY MURDERED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL CONSPIRATORS BY STABBING IN THE BACK. THE GROUP ARE NOW GROOMING A LOCAL CELEBRITY TO TAKE HARLEY'S PLACE. MORE OF THIS FASCINATING STORY IN NEXT MONTHS G.P.P. PLUS A REAL EYE OPENER ON WHAT REALLY HAPPENS BEHIND THE DOORS OF THE HIGH LIVING POSSIL FOLK.

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POSSILPARKS STAR PERFORMER COUNCILLOR INNES, at least that's the way it would appear from his latest article in the local paper the POSSIL POST!

Involved in everything from a bus service that he supports (and that half the locals do not want anyway) to the so called Community Care Group. However some local people are angry about his article because he claims to have been the leading figure in certain issues that he had hardly anything to do with! Naughty, naughty Councillor.... as if that's not bad enough he appears to be pandering after the local catholic votes by starting an anti-abortion campaign, however the odds are that he'll soon drop that political hot potatoe judging from local comments.... anti-social tenants also appear to annoy the Councillor. He appears to think that they should be tied up in a nice wee parcel and dumped somewhere and forgotten about - if he does this he will lose half the tenants in Possil including most of the so called local dogooders, who are more anti-social than some anti-social tenants. If you like a good read buy the local Possil Post, easily one of the best community newspapers in Glasgow - its so revealing....



STATE DIVIDE for FAMILIES

Husbands of wives and children still resident in the Asian subcontinent are being denied their RIGHT to come and settle in this country with their husbands and fathers. They are being denied it through a procedure which the Court of Appeal has said is contrary to the Magna Carta and against the European Convention of Human Rights, and which is merely an administrative convenience and has no standing in law.

A conference organised by Strathclyde Community Relations Council last week discussed the problem facing a great many people as a result of the British Immigration Law.

M. Akram, Community Relations Officer and co-author of a recent report on the working of the Immigration Control System "APPEAL DISMISSED" (published by Runnymede Trust) introduced the conference and outlined the present system of control.

Wives and children of men already settled in this country have a right in law to come here BUT in 1969, Jim 'Call Me Moses' Callaghan, then Home Secretary, introduced a system designed, he said, to keep delays to a minimum. Anyone wishing to come to the U.K. would first have to obtain an Entry Certificate from a British Government Office in their country of origin.

Notwithstanding that such a journey to an office can sometimes take days of travelling through extreme conditions (as Akram testified to) but waiting periods for interviews are now in some cases up to 3 1/2 years. So much for Callaghan reducing the delays.

Applicants for certificates are then confronted by the entry clearance officers who have assumed the role of determining whether or not the applicant is 'genuine'. Questions, often of a very personal nature, are put to the wife and any children in an effort to solicit differences in replies. These will be treated as 'evidence' that the applicant is not a genuine one and the case will be turned down. In the conclusive survey mentioned



above, Akram & his co-worker, Jan Elliot, found that 55 out of the 58 cases they examined - cases which were rejected by the entry clearance officers - were undoubtedly genuine. Any conflicts of evidence could be quite easily explained by language difficulty. Officers or their interpreters were often unable to speak the applicants language or dialect - or by some misunderstanding, a misunderstanding aggravated by the officers' racist attitudes.

Appeals against refusal of a certificate are now possible but must be undertaken by the applicants sponsor in this country and are heard by the adjudicator, in Scotland the now infamous L.W.D. Aitchison. While Aitchison has achieved some notoriety in recent weeks, as adjudicators go he is probably only the thin end of the wedge. Their decisions & accompanying racist remarks are hair-raising but Aitchison is probably only more explicit - 3 exiled Chileans he described as 'Communist agitators' before laughing into an attack on clydeside workers for threatening to refuse to build ships for Chile's fascist government; another applicant was a 'complete and unmitigated liar'; if Asian wives were permitted to come here 'Britain will become the dustbin of the world' he uttered on another occasion. 5

COUNCILLORS SABOTAGE PUBLIC MEETING in Gorbals.

We reported in last months GPP on a fight to stop the Language Centre in the GORBALS(not Govan as we incorrectly stated in GPP 3) being made into an island in a sea of dangerous and noisy traffic.

We announced a public meeting with the traffic commission. Many people turned up for this meeting, representatives of the local community, the staff of the school, and the parents and children of the Centre.

Several of the parents and teachers travelled considerable distances to attend the meeting, but when they arrived they were told that the Councillors had not turned up.

The headmistress of the Centre was only told on the day of the meeting that the Councillors had taken it on themselves to scrap it. New evidence was to be presented to the Councillors conclusively proving that the noise level in the school was ALREADY unacceptable and the re-opening of Tradeston st. would only make it worse.

A petition was also to be presented demonstrating the unanimous public condemnation of the scheme. The people who turned up to the meeting refused to accept the sabotage and went ahead regardless.

Amongst other things, they produced a strong protest at the callous indifference shown by the councillors. Part of this protest read:

" WE FEEL THAT THE TREATMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED IS INDICATIVE OF THE GENERAL DISREGARD THE COUNCIL HAS SHOWN TOWARDS THE SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THIS TRAFFIC SCHEME. THE CANCELLATION OF THIS MEETING IS THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN AN 18 MONTH HISTORY OF COUNCIL INEPTITUDE"

The campaign to oust Aitchison grows and if unsuccessful will no doubt give many people a great deal of satisfaction BUT THERE WILL BE OTHERS TO TAKE HIS PLACE. The present system of immigration control ensures the continuance of the worst form of racism, that which is BUILT INTO THE STATE. Ever since the early 1960's immigration law has been consistently racist in its application & its content. Aitchison must go but this alone won't alleviate the assault on human dignity that is the system of immigration control.

...WITHOUT A PRIME MINISTER

Should have provided - subsequently, the firemen have formed their own claimants strike committees.

The Claimants Union advised the firemen of their rights under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976, which basically are:-

1. RENT AND RATES PAID IN FULL; OR
2. MORTGAGE INTEREST AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID BY THE S.S.
3. H.P. REPAYMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PAID IN FULL.
4. HEATING ALLOWANCES AND ADDITIONS.
5. MILK TOKENS FOR KIDS UNDER 5.
6. FREE SCHOOL MEALS.
7. PLUS EMERGENCY NEEDS PAYMENTS FOR ESSENTIALS.

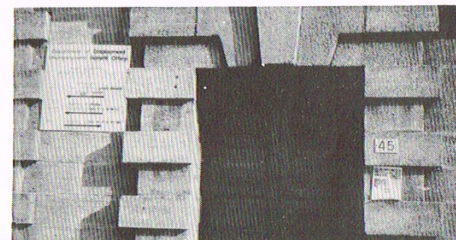
Section 4 of the Supplementary Benefit Act states that "NOTHING SHALL PREVENT THE PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT IN URGENT CASES". However, individual managers have been refusing to interview firemen, claiming under this section, and in one case the firemen are taking legal advice. According to Law, i.e. Sup. Benefits (General) Regulations 1977 (12:3) "where determination concerned relates to the making of, or the refusal to make a cash payment in respect of benefit other than a pension, the notice required by paragraph(2) may be given to the claimant orally unless he requests that IT BE IN WRITING".

The whole point is that the firemen have been refused a decision in writing - which puts the S.S. in breach of their own regulations.

The Claimants Unions will be meeting with the D.H.S.S. union reps from the Civil and Public Servants Association and we will report on that meeting in the next issue of the G.P.P.

IF THE DHSS IS MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO STARVE THE FIREMEN BACK TO WORK THEN WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK TO OTHER TACTICS TO WIN THE BENEFITS WHICH ARE OUR RIGHT BY LAW. Secondly, the police have been harassing the Firemen who have been collecting for the strike fund. This is obviously a directive from Callaghans 'dirty tricks dept' and one that has left the firemen with a dirty taste in their mouth. Public sympathy is with the firemen and £30,000 has been collected in the first three weeks of the strike in Strathclyde alone.

So, we say "CALLAGHAN, CALL OFF YOUR BOOT BOYS - GIVE THE FIREMEN THE MONEY WHICH FIVE COMMISSIONS SINCE 1966 SAID THEY ARE ENTITLED TO, IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCEPTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CEASE YOUR PH-HEADED ATTITUDE NOW!!!"



THE FIREMEN'S STRIKE

The Fire Brigades Union and its members greatly regret any hardship or inconvenience caused to the public during this dispute. The decision to strike was not taken lightly, and it is hoped that the facts contained in this leaflet will in some way help you to understand why this action was deemed necessary.

THE FACTS

Firemen work a 48 hour week on a two shift system of 10 hour dayshifts and 14 hour nightshifts. During dayshift, firemen clean, test and maintain all items of their equipment. Training exercises are done daily to ensure the men's peak physical fitness and efficiency, and their complete familiarity with the fire-fighting and rescue equipment.

Firemen also undertake the inspection, testing and maintenance of fire hydrants, and the inspection of offices, factories and shops to ensure their fire safety.

The Fire Service is the only properly trained and equipped emergency service. On joining the Fire Service, a fireman undergoes a rigorous 4 month basic training course, followed by a 4 year apprenticeship. The work he does is often exhausting, hazardous and emotionally harrowing.

He can expect to be at work on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, New Year's Eve and all other Public Holidays, no shift allowance, no rent allowance, and there is no optional overtime.

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WHY ARE FIREMEN PUTTING LIVES AT RISK BY STRIKING?

In all fairness this question should be aimed at the Government. Since 1966, 5 reports on Fire Service pay and conditions have been commissioned by the Government. In each case the Government has shelved these reports, saying, in effect, "Wait till next year." The latest report was published in September this year, and the Government have had from then to decide on a just settlement. Once again, the matter has been thrust aside. In the meantime, the firemen's standard has plummeted, possibly faster than that of any other member of the community.

BUT 10% IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

This is not strictly true, awards have been made in excess of that figure. In any case the 10% 'rule' is not statutory; it is only a guideline. But above all, as a result of their low wages, many firemen and their wives qualify for rent and rate rebates, free school meals, etc., and a 10% increase could leave many of them actually worse off. There are ways by which the Government could meet our claim without damaging the guideline.

BVEN SO, ISN'T 30% AN EXCESSIVE CLAIM?

30% of a Prime Minister's wage is a great deal more than 30% of a fireman's. This figure will bring a fireman's wage up to the National average stated by the Government, with a plus factor of 10% for skills and hazards involved. So it is only an average wage we want.

WHY NOT SETTLE FOR 10% AND A REDUCTION IN HOURS?

A reduction in hours from a 48 to a 42 hour week is a totally separate issue which has been in the melting pot for many years. Our claim based on the assumption that a 42 hour week will be forthcoming in the near future. Besides, a reduction in hours won't feed the families.

Our strike is now entering its third week and since the Fire Brigades Union, never having anticipated the necessity for industrial action to secure a decent living wage, has no Strike Fund, we are relying on the moral and financial support of the public to sustain us.

Any donations would be most welcome and should be sent to Mr. A. Bell, F.B.U. Strike Treasurer, E.U. Centre, 81 Carlton Place, Glasgow, or handed in at your local Fire Station.

A Firemen's leaflet - IN THEIR OWN WORDS", their own case.

JACK OF ALL TRADES

The Firemen are now into the third week of their strike and their resolve has been strengthened by the harassment that they

have received indirectly from the Government. Let's have a look at the job a Fireman has to do and the wage he gets for it....

A fireman's training is rigorous, after completing an intensive four months basic training he has to serve a four year apprenticeship when he will learn the pertinent aspects of following trades:- electrician, plumber, joiner, gasfitter, engineer, metallurgist, chemist, and medic, not to mention expert in use of the highly sophisticated fire

...down & out xmas

It is left to voluntary groups such as The SIMON Community to cope as best as they can. The cold spell in late November has already resulted in 5 deaths, (on the street, not including old folk who are victims of hypothermia).

Only the other month Strathclyde Regional Council admitted they had carried implementation of CUTS a little too far, yet The Simon Community, based in Renfrew St. & the Talbot Association, based in the Gorbals are faced with the prospect of having to shift their centres as the buildings decay due to inadequate upkeep.

The Simon Community had received notice that they would have to move out by December 30th but this has been set aside for the moment. Unofficial reports that the Community, which 'puts up' over 30 men at present, has been offered the Old Milton St. School but no definite decisions have materialised to date.

The Talbot Association is lobbying the District Council for the use of the Kingston Halls in Govan Rd. which could accommodate the hundred or so men who turn up from the streets at present. There are many more, women included, sleeping rough in Glasgow, especially in the 'inner city' circle of urban devastation.

Extra expenses such as a faulty roof, g has delayed plans that the Simon Community has for a Womens Hostel.

fighting equipment. A fireman's lot is not the glamorous hype portrayed in the childrens books, each time he is called out to a fire he knows that it is a deadly serious business. He is bracing himself for what he expects to find when he gets there. It doesn't need a great deal of imagination to know how it feels to be startled out of a deep sleep with bells ringing and lights flashing.

Firemen are trained to enter blazing buildings, rescue the occupants and to minimise the damage to property. It is ironical that this very ethic is being used against the firemen because they have been forced to take strike action. Five reports on firemen's wages and



Both voluntary groups are in constant need of active volunteers & the GPP extends its solidarity to those who try and bring hope to victims of the

However, this is precisely the situation. Coping with the 'symptoms' of hierarchical society is 'n't breaking the new ground necessary in the struggle to create realistic alternatives to relationships between order takers & order givers. Alternatives which 1978 could usher in - with your help !

Patronised

What can we make of the series of 3 programmes the B.B.C. screened on behalf of Kay Carmichael, famous east-end snoopers?

The tenants have quite rightly reacted against being projected as human guinea pigs & for certain, the most telling moment of the series happened right at the end of the show. Then the chairman of the Tenants Association emotionally attacked the atmosphere of patronism which had been rampant throughout the documentaries & the attitudes of Authority throughout the

whole affair. We'll put it right OURSELVES actually meant something coming from a Lilybank tenant as opposed to the devious stage-performance of Ms. Carmichael.

All the fine words of Sir William Gray, 'Supplementary benefits chairman' Donnison & the rest about 'rehabilitating the deprived East End' could be seen in their true light. NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPOGANDA EXERCISE - BUREAUCRACY WITH A 'HUMAN FACE' - CRAP WHICH THE WORKING PEOPLE OF GLASGOW HAVE PUT UP WITH FOR GENERATIONS !

Too long !

conditions have been produced since 1966, and each have been ignored! This is a despicable situation and when we look at the plain fact that a 10 per cent settlement would leave many men no better off; when you deduct their rent and rates allowances there isn't a great deal left to talk about. The last Report on firemen's pay under Lord McCarthy stated that they should get 10 percent PLUS £18 - so how about it, cough up the money and let the firemen get back to the job that the Army cant handle. And bye the way will Lord Provost Hodge and his cronies be going along to fire stations after the strike as they lay on some crates of bevvvy for the firemen ???



The adventure playground was started 15 months ago by two girls from the area working on it in their spare time. Since those humble beginnings the playground and youth club have become a distinct feature of Maryhill, with kids coming from as far away as Panmure St. in Westercommon, to enjoy the limited facilities which the club provides.

Margaritha Harris is one of the 2 full-time workers from the project & also co-founder of the scheme with Kathy Ross. The criterion of success is simply the enjoyment that the kids get from it, this plus the fact that it has given the kids of Maryhill a centre to meet and get together, a place where they don't have to bother about being moved on by the police or by irate neighbours.

The scheme welcomes volunteers to come along & help in any way at all. Local folk are particularly important to the future of the project and it is often felt by the workers that if they would become involved in what was happening they would see other possibilities for making Maryhill a better place to live. One example of this is that some folk have said that the adventure playground is an eyesore - that's as may be, but that could be rectified in a weekend with paintbrushes & willing hands.

The policy of the association is self-help and the project must be given full marks on that score. The club itself is a model for others, the kids have their own unwritten laws and there is little need for the constant supervision which is witnessed in other youth clubs. This is largely because the kids and the adults are on the same wavelength. Other youth clubs should take a page out of what is happening at Queen's Cross, Maryhill.

THREE PEOPLE SPENT AN EVENING TALKING TOGETHER

The British Official Secrets Act is the most effective law to stop the disclosure of official information in the Western world. Originally passed during a spate of spy hysteria before World War I, it has since been used most often to silence civil servants and severely punish leakages to the press.

ABC: The Basic Issues

The main evidence against Aubrey, Berry and Campbell is what they discussed one evening last February. At no time has any of that conversation been published or divulged.

There is no suggestion that any of the three were remotely involved in spying. Since when have spies been allowed bail?

There is a close connection between this case and the deportations of Mark Rosenball and Philip Agee.

The ABC case is not just about the freedom of the press, but the right of the British public to know how their taxes are spent. The charges are an attempt to inhibit investigative journalism and stifle informed comment on activities which are not the subject of parliamentary scrutiny.

The present Labour government's proposals, to be published soon as an Official Information Bill, are unlikely to improve the situation, however.

Whilst Section Two will be replaced by the new law, the Official Secrets Act will remain in force—with no guarantee it will only apply to foreign espionage. All information relating to defence, internal security, the police and foreign affairs will be covered. Civil

servants will still be subject to dismissal or demotion if they 'leak' information. Even with the new law, ABC could still be prosecuted. Indeed the whole purpose of reforming Section 2 has been entirely undermined by the parallel use of Section 1 and Section 2 against Berry and Campbell.

Laws already exist in the United States and Sweden which would considerably improve the British situation. Transposed to this country, these would limit the Official Secrets Act to genuine spying for a hostile foreign power, and produce a Freedom of Information Act to allow the public and press to have proper access to government information.

UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT THEY COULD NOW GO TO PRISON FOR 14 YEARS



GRYPS youth counselling service

GRYPS - the young peoples information and counselling service is now operating a drop-in service as well as its well known phone-in service. At the moment the service only operates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and on Saturday afternoons. However, in the new year Gryps plans to operate a full time service. To make this possible Gryps now have two full time workers to keep things running smoothly. The bulk of the work however is still carried out by Gryps mixed band of volunteers,

Gryps services are available to all young people who need help or advice. Gryps provides information on such areas as family and personal relationships, sexual problems, family planning, accommodation, going to London, basic information on jobs and other community services. Gryps has in the past helped many young people with problems in the areas of unemployment, drug or solvent abuse, violence or vandalism, etc. Gryps does not claim to solve everybody's problems at the wave of a magic wand. What they will do however is listen and offer practical down-to-earth advice and if possible help.

HAVE YOU A PROBLEM? DROP IN AT GRYPs, 146 HOLLAND ST, Nr. CHARING CROSS, GLASGOW OR TELEPHONE 041 332 5350.

I'm talking about YOU

I can see you floating
Deep inside that programmed carcass
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Too scared to expose the flattened terminals of your soul
Too near the plug of the reality you dare to call 'dreams'
You, whose nightmares are peopled by outcasts & misfits of your own conditioned conscience
Leather angels & wild young spacemen
Yes, you, whose pre-packaged pleasure comes in at £1 an hour
You, who can condemn violence, but can't love your brother enough to fight for him because you can see no further than the shell of your stainless-steel cocoon in
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Grassroots... You can't afford to miss it!

In 1970 the profits from the sale of drugs to the National Health Service were over £30 million. The profits have been bigger each year. The greatest growth area is in psychiatric drugs. In 1970 alone 47.2 million prescriptions were written for these drugs at a cost of £21.5 million.

80% of these drugs were LIBRIUM, VALIUM, MOGODAN, and MANDRAX.

Patients are given these drugs on repeat prescriptions often without even seeing a doctor. The long term side effects are never monitored. One result of this neglect is that 400,000, people in Britain are being prescribed barbiturates which cause severe addiction.

A few big companies are making enormous profits out of your misery.

It costs 20p to make 1000 tablets of Librium. They are sold to the NHS for £10 a 100.

Drug companies argue that their profits go back into research. WE KNOW BETTER..... In 1971 Beechams spent only

£4 million out of its £13.4 million profits on research.

Glaxo spent £5 million out of its £22 million, yet interestingly enough Beechams gave £20,000 to the Conservative Party this year.

Much profit goes on advertising, this costs £300 a year for every doctor in the country - total cost £30 million a year.

One survey showed that out of 45 adverts, 22 contained unwarranted claims and glossed over or did not mention side effects. The drug companies take up our doctors time convincing them about their products. They sell drugs like encyclopaedias. Their interest is not in their patient but their profits - but we remember the side effects of Thalidomide, which was a psychiatric drug.

Many similar drugs are untested and there is no attempt to monitor effects.

CLAIMANTS UNION c/o 42 Allander St. (336-4437). **FIGHT to LIVE!**

DROP THAT PILL!

Do you know what psychiatric drugs can do to you? Because you may not be aware of some of the side effects of your treatment, the CLAIMANTS UNION have produced this list of the most commonly used drugs and their side effects. Don't be fooled into thinking that they are the symptoms of YOUR illness, they are the symptoms of THEIR treatment. This list is from official sources - if you suffer other effects let us know and we will add them to the list for the next time.

MODICATE: Depression (sometimes suicide), tremor of the hands.

LARGACTIL: Jaundice, extreme drowsiness, dizziness, constipation, mouth dryness, low blood pressure when standing, rapid pulse, skin pallor, blurring of vision, skin rash, nose stiffness, weight gain, sunburn, lactation, absence of menstruation, restlessness.

stelazine

STELAZINE Tremor of the hands, spasm of neck muscles, rigidity of the back, drowsiness, sweating, nasal congestion, spasm in hands or feet, eye movements, contraction of jaw muscles, difficulty in swallowing, blurring of vision. **LIBRIUM** Unsteadiness of movement, drowsiness, nausea, constipation. **AVENTYL** Constipation, dizzy spells, restlessness, confusion. **TRYPTIZOL** DROWSINESS?

TRYPTIZOL Drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, excitement, tremor, headache, hypertension, sweating, loss of appetite, skin rash, heartburn, numbness of limbs, reduced concentration, dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation, activates SCHIZOPHRENIA. **SPARINE** Low blood pressure when standing, tremor of the hands. **MAJEPTIL** Protrusion of the tongue, movement of eyeballs, arching of back, shallow rapid heartbeat, excessive sweating, excessive salivation, shallow breathing,



agitation, anxiety, rigidity of muscles. **FENTAZIN** Tremor of hands, jaundice, rigidity of muscles. **TOLNATE** Fatigue, vertigo, low blood pressure, when standing. **DARTALAN** Muscular rigidity, restlessness, tremor of hands. **SERENACE/HALOPERIDOL** RESTLESSNESS, drowsiness, sleeplessness, increased salivation, sweating, skin pallor, muscular spasms, difficulty in swallowing, stuttering, skin rash. **MODITEN** Impaired movement, muscular rigidity. **TARACTAN** Dry mouth, drowsiness, vertigo, rapid pulse, hypertension, **MELLERIL** A dry mouth, drowsiness, dizziness, faintness, nasal stuffiness, tremor of hands, impairment of sexuality, lactation, absence of menstruation, disturbance of vision. **SERPASIL/RESERINE** Depression, hypertension, nightmares, visual disturbances, nasal congestion. **TOFRENIL / IMPRAMINE** Dry mouth, visual disturbance, sweating, skin rash, tremor, rapid pulse rate, excitement. **NARDIL** Nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, headache, unsteadiness, constipation, jaundice. **MARPLAN** Hypertension, dizziness, vertigo, constipation, overactivity, insomnia, dry mouth, blurred vision, skin rash. **PARNATE** Insomnia, dizziness, headache, drowsiness, weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, hypertension, dry mouth. **DRAZINE** Headache, giddiness, hypertension, impotence, liver disorder. **EQUANIL** Drowsiness. **LITHIUM** Lack of concentration, tiredness, memory failure.

Untested, experimental, psychiatric drugs are used daily on patients in mental hospitals and can be used there without their permission.

They have no legal right to refuse treatment. How much longer are we going to allow the sick and disabled to be used as HUMAN GUINEA PIGS?

new

from Over the Waters, Orkney.

review

This is supposed to be an objective appreciation of the latest Cienfuegos Press Anarchist Review (Vol. 1, No. 3, £2.00 + 30p p/p, A4, 136pp, perfect bound with spine), but you probably won't think so. I find that the development of this publication is incredible. In the course of three issues it has probably become the most important forum of Anarchist thought and criticism in the world. The range of subjects it covers and the quality of their treatment is excellent. In fact there is even more in this issue to get your teeth into and set your mind ticking over (to scramble a metaphor or two), than there was in the last (more than twice as much, in fact). Also the improvement in layout is a big step forward, and this is very important considering the vast wealth of material it contains. The contents include Chomsky's *Objectivity and Liberal Scholarship*, *Arms and the Woman*, a major look at Ferrer's life and work, a history of Anarchism in Bulgaria, Anarcho-Feminism, Ricardo Flores Magon, the Miasnikov Memorandum, Objections to Anarchism, Anarchism and Freemasonry ... I could go on and on, but it's up to you to get your order in now and see for yourself how important and essential this review is for libertarian thought.



Additional information on Special Branch attempts to recruit student of Paisley College, Robert Macneill. The only political meeting he has attended (a few days before) was given by a Claimants Union activist to the libertarian group.

'7 DAYS' in the life of a Labour Party hack. Whatever happened to your 'radical' GLASGOW NEWS past McKay & Barr? Then you listed alongside as absurdities, the rhetoric of all Parties (LAB/SNP/CON/LIB/CP/NF...)

arson

We don't have definite proof, indeed we would not have suspected arson had it not been for the following 'coincidence' (Nov. 21st) A FIRE broke out in St. George St., Hill-head in a disused building (which

had before been a refuge for battered wives & their kids) & the "green goddesses" were called in to arrest the blaze before it spread to the adjoining close which is inhabited by squatters & their kids.

Those directly concerned were watching the fire being tackled when 4 men appeared who said they were the "anti-strike committee" & supported the Nazional Front. They tried to stir things up with the squatters - calling them "lefties" before they disappeared from the scene.

A local resident told the GPP that Nazi slogans had recently appeared chalked on a few walls in the area & the whole incident is something which they haven't treated lightly. Over the past few years, there has been a certain amount of antipathy between local snobs & the squatters who have prevented indirectly more buildings decaying at the hands of the owner - Glasgow University.

New acts to worry about for the homeless (so much for a Labour government). The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 removes the responsibility from Social Work departments to Housing Authorities in respect to giving shelter for homeless & destitute people. (see page 7 & contact SOCL). In addition, the life of a squatter in England will become more difficult when the Criminal Law Amendment Act brings them in line with Scotland, where SQUATTING is already a criminal as opposed to civil offence.

THE FÜHRER

HERBERT TINDLEREED IS A FUNNY NAME



BUT IF HERBERT HAS HIS WAY, NOBODY WOULD DARE TO LAUGH...

OH YES, HERBERT TINDLEREED HAS SOME POWERFUL URGES...



HERBERT, YOU SEE, IS IN TRAINING TO BE DICTATOR OF BRITAIN



...WHICH AFFECT HIM DEEPLY



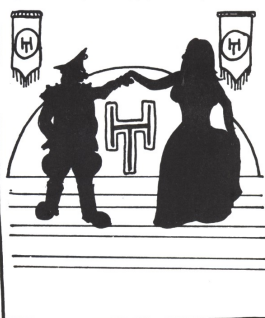
NO, NOBODY WOULD LAUGH AT HIM THEN



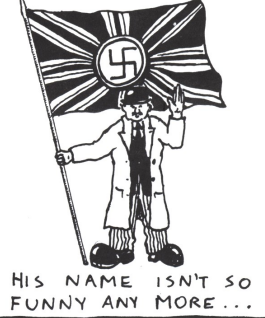
BUT HERBERT IS HAPPY NOW



AND THE GIRL NEXT DOOR WITH THE BIG TITS JUST COULDN'T REFUSE TO GO OUT WITH HIM



THE NATIONAL FRONT HAVE NOMINATED HERBERT AS THEIR CANDIDATE IN THE LOCAL BY-ELECTION



HIS NAME ISN'T SO FUNNY ANY MORE...

NIGHTLIFE



Glasgow Film Theatre

THIRD EYE CENTRE

The Third Eye Centre will be closed between 24th December and 5th January.

Folk/Rock band NEW CELESTE will be returning to Glasgow fresh from triumph in Holland when they play at the Centre on the evening of 17th Dec. Tickets are 80p.

Larry Herman's exhibition of Photographs, CLYDESIDE 194-76, will continue to be on display at the centre until January 15th.

Sculptures by Malcolm Butts, who teaches at the Glasgow Art School, will be on display until January 15th.



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Stamper, 54 Carnarvon Street, 945 0457.
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the music.

PLATFORM has decided to con-
tinue its Jazz at the Saints'
into January, in light of the
support that the series has
received from the public.

Details of the forthcoming
concerts will be announced
shortly, and can be obtained
from Sandy Muir (041/226/3324).

There are also plans to present
another series of Jazz Film/
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BUNGALOWS FOR THE BOYS?

A suspected 'fiddle' by prominent Labour and Communist Party members has resulted in a row involving Yoker Tenant's Association and the Housing Department.

The Tenant's Association claim that newly modernised bungalows have been allocated on the basis of party membership. Enquiries at Clive House have met with silence. Now the affair is to be taken up by Duncan Mclean, the radical S.N.P. councillor. In an interview with GPP, Mr. Mclean named Mr. and Mrs. D. McKenzie, (who have stood for the Communist Party in Knightswood and Blairdardie respectively) of 22 Glen Crescent.

Also named were Pat Owens and her husband, of 26 Glen Crescent, and Mr. George Labram, of nearby Hawick Street. All are Labour Party members. Mrs. Owens and Mr. Labram are involved in the Community Council, set up after local government reorganisation. The bungalows, in Glen Crescent and Hawick St, near the boundary with Clydebank, were built in the 1920's and modernised only two years ago.

This latest tale will do the Housing Department's image no good.



Duncan McLean

Glasgow people no doubt remember that, not so long ago, a Mrs Cantley was disowned by the Labour Party for 'string pulling' for her son-in-law. A nod and a wink in the right direction can work wonders it seems, and jumping the housing queue is nothing new.

Meanwhile, as we go to press, GPP is investigating a similar case in Giffnock, where 'high amenity' flats are said to accommodate a number of Labour Party activists.



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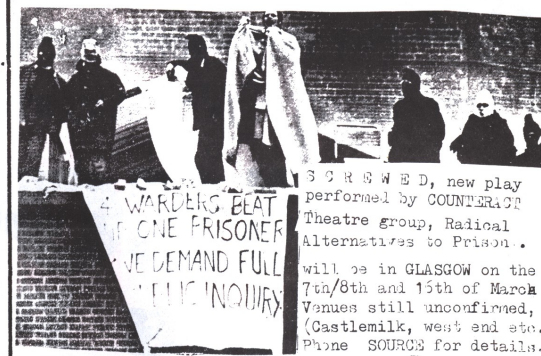
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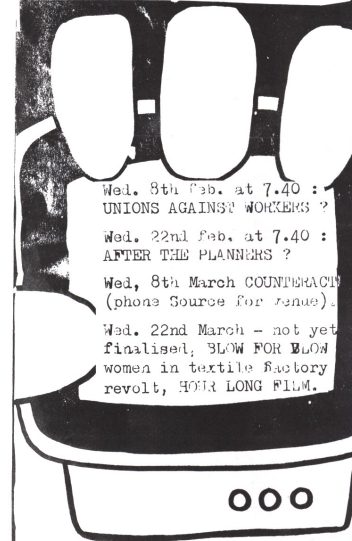
Above all, G.P.P. is YOUR platform to air YOUR views, and to say what YOU really want about your own experiences. So let's be hearing from you.



SCREWED, new play performed by COUNTERACT Theatre group, Radical Alternatives to Prison.

will be in GLASGOW on the 7th/8th and 15th of March. Venues still unconfirmed, (Castlemilk, west end etc.) Phone SOURCE for details.

SUDS Drama centres, 126 Ingram St., WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS, Cecil Taylor play performed by FOCO MOVIE, 24th, 25th February. Followed by DR. Faustus on the 6th-11th March.

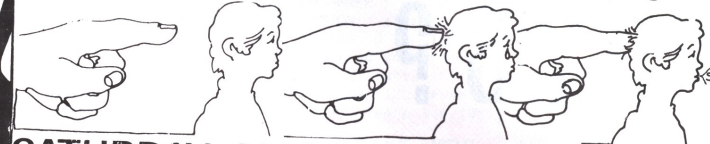


In Partick Burgh Halls, off Dumbarton Rd - ROOM 5 for both libertarian discussion circles 8th and 22nd February.

FREE! FREE! to join us!

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The first Scottish Conference on needs and rights.



SATURDAY MARCH 18th 1978 Boyd Orr Building Glasgow Univ Students, pensioners and claimants £1.25, school students free



"EVERYONE SUPPORTS THE FIREMEN," SAID LORRAINE.

One of the most exciting things about the firemen's strikewas the tremendous public support for their cause - despite the media's efforts to discredit them.

This picture shows ten year old, Lorraine, demonstrating her support for the firemen. She saved all her pennies for weeks to make a donation of £1.

It wasn't the biggest donation the firemen recieved, but not many people gave everything they had.

Lorraine told us, "Everyone in my class supports the firemen - after all they save people's lives."



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ANGRY SHIPEE,

gow NUS and local Student cils have been accused of erating with the police in r to break up the annual -cuts march into insignificant ions of 200 to 300.

are supposed to be protestors ing our solidarity against the," said a trainee teacher, "the police and the stewards t us like sheep."

anhill SRC admitted cooperating the police, but said that this they would be negotiating to the march split into sections ,000. It will probably be t in three places.

IS GOLD UNDERGROUND,

modernised Underground is ted to open on time, May 1979.

a long time to wait, but it be worth it. Of course the ce will not be extended much, t will be all shiney and nice.

d better be - it will cost us ast £32 million.

YER LANGUAGE CENTRE,

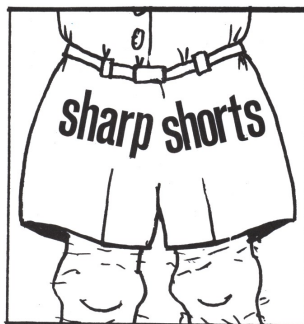
k-room deal between the Dist- Council, the Education Depart- and the Planning Department it almost certain that the on Traffic Scheme will be im- ted, despite fierce public tion.

proposed traffic scheme goes then teaching in the nearby ge centre will become lly impossible.

public hearing which looked into mplaints was a masterful dis- f official manipulation.

The Planning Department falsely claimed that they had no choice, other than to route the main flow of traffic round the school.

Mr Grey, of the Education Depart- ment did not comment on a survey which suggested that the noise level in the school was already unacceptable. He told us that the Education Depart- ment would only look into the noise problem after the traffic scheme had been implemented.



UNIVERSITY VANDALS,

Glasgow University, that haven of high aesthetic appreciation, will be demolishing Lilybank Gardens - a prime example of Scottish architecture at its peak.

Most of the houses have been left empty for more than 3 years, to be ravaged by vandals, the elements and the university's Works department.

Lilybank will be left as a gap sight until the university can afford to turn it once more into a beauty spot.

They will eventually build a car park.

At present, only militant squatters prevent the march of progress. They have been repairing and maintaining the buildings in a bid to keep them habitable.

PERKS FOR NUM LEADER,

Miners' President, Joe Gormley, has joined the board of British Investment Trust.

His fellow financiers on the board include James Cowan, the Scottish Area Director for the NCB and Trevor Thomas, also of the Coal Board.

The miners' Pension Fund was used to buy an 80% share in the company, at a cost of £75 million.

Mr Gormley's director's fee has not been decided yet.

Orpheus In Limbo

Grey Shadows
Within a Grey Place.
Full of the "Damned"
But.....
Not The Dead.
No, all these "Poor Souls"
Are Living.....
No....Existing,
One does not live
In Limbo,
Merely Exists.

So, When He came in,
So obviously Alive

Well.....
He should have known.

THEY would be hostile.

"Your Card!
Name!
Address!
Date of Birth!
You'll get your Giro at the next counter.

Next!"
That's it.....
Over.
So, Why the feeling of RAPE?

WILLIAM S. NISBET



UNION REVOLT,

Shipyard workers at Scott-Lithgow's, Port Glasgow, have threatened to tear up their Union Cards. They are angry at the Unions' attempt to sit on their claim for parity with workers on the Upper Clyde. There is a differential of £15-20.

The threat of revolt followed the failure of the Unions to call a mass meeting where the men could argue their case.

The Unions are suspected of postponing a visit by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, ACAS, in order to gain time in which to quell the revolt.



PRISONS ARE POINTLESS

The aim of Radical Alternatives to Prison (RAP) is the abolition of prison. Prison is a destructive and discriminating institution. The vast majority of prisoners come from a background of deprivation; low income, bad housing and poor education. Prison does nothing to help them to break out of this environment but rather confirms and traps them within it.

Although RAP began by advocating alternatives to prison we no longer see them as a complete solution. We have seen too many schemes being used as a form of control, based on the same values and punitive assumptions that underpin the prison system. The stated aim of prison is to deter people from breaking the law and to rehabilitate those who do so; neither aim ever has been, or ever will be, fulfilled. The prison population continues to rise, crime is increasing and recidivism rates remain high. Imprisonment can only increase rather than decrease the possibility of a person re-offending. By isolating the individual from family, friends and community, withholding basic human rights and denying him responsibility, prison degrades and stigmatises, inflicting wounds which seldom heal.

RAP realises that abolition at a stroke is hardly likely and therefore campaigns for immediate changes which do not simply ameliorate the lot of the prisoner but are positive steps towards the removal of prisons from our society. We campaign against legislation and attitudes which feed the prison system, we make the hidden facts known, thereby educating and changing public opinion, which is the group's role. In the past we have campaigned against the rebuilding of Holloway, which reflected the shifting categorisation of 'criminals' from wrongdoers to sick people. RAP played a leading part in the campaign for the closure of the control units — a regime of sensory deprivation aimed at breaking those prisoners who fought against the injustices they encountered in prison. We are accepted as one of the groups whose views on penal topics are sought. We have been partly responsible for the current trend towards alternatives to prison and more recently in making people question whether prison is justified at all, at least for certain offences.

Over the next two years RAP will be focussing and campaigning on four particular issues which will highlight the prejudice involved in deciding who should be incarcerated in prison and what happens to those who end up there. In the autumn, together with the NCCL, we will publish a pamphlet which will reveal the secrecy covering our entire prison system, masking the prisoner and the injustices and inhuman treatment he receives from the public eye. Later in the year RAP will turn to the problem of the 'Young Offender'. Building on our earlier work in this area, we will be calling for a complete change of values in 'dealing' with young people, based on a respect for their rights and needs, as opposed to hauling them up before the courts when they react against the spiral of deprivation within which many of them are trapped. Together with PROP, the National Prisoners Movement, we will be calling attention to the growing use of drugs in our prisons for the purposes of control and behaviour modification. We will also turn our attention to the 'Dangerous Offender', pointing out how society differentiates between one kind of danger (personal) and another (social) and locating the causes and solutions to this problem in society itself rather than the courts and the penal system.

To carry out the work we have set ourselves, we need an income of £25,000 over the next two years. We believe that RAP is an essential part of the penal lobby. If you agree, please give us your support. We have set ourselves the target of expanding our membership to 1,000 (presently 400) by the end of this year, thereby strengthening our voice and facilitating fundraising.

Radical Alternatives to Prison, 15 Blackfriars Lane, London EC4

Report of a Committee of Inquiry into a dispute between employees of the Darley Park Mills Company Limited, Beckley and their employer.

'OUR OWN PEOPLE' REVIEW

OUR OWN PEOPLE is a very difficult play to write about. The plot is complex and there are none of the crude paste-board characters which we see all too often in political plays.

The backdrop of the play is a Public Hearing which is investigating a strike by Asian textile workers. A triangle of conflict unfolds between the Asian Strike Committee, the Union and the Management.

The main dispute, in the first act is between the strikers and the Union. The dialogue reveals how the 'proper' Union procedure is totally at odds with the reality of day to day shop-floor struggle and direct action. For example, individual racist remarks may be too petty for formal complaints, but taken altogether they build into a picture of consistent racial prejudice.

The climax of the First Act is the revelation that one of the shop stewards is in the National Front.

The National Front steward, played by Crissie Cotteril, is one of the most interesting characters in the play — a lonely, confused woman who can't understand a world that is falling apart around her. The Front offers her companionship and the comfort of a simple dogma.

As it transpires the management has done a deal with the white workers to bar the Asians from promotion. The charges against the union of racial discrimination are proven.

But a final twist is still to come. The management goes back on its deal and promotes two Asians.

Why the change of heart? What are the bosses up to? Wait for it....

It is all a plot by the management to get an all male workforce, before the Sex Discrimination legislation is introduced. They wanted to get rid of both white and brown women.

The message becomes clear (at last). When you come right down to it, OUR OWN PEOPLE are the working class who have to resist the attempts of the bosses to divide and rule.

'Powerless' caravan owners face eviction

Over 60 people, including a dozen young children, expectant mothers and two women who have recently given birth, have now been without electricity for over five months and now face eviction from their homes by the end of March.

Residents of the West End Caravan Site in Bellshill had their electricity supply disconnected by the SSEB for non-payment. The only problem was - they had paid all their bills regularly.



In June 1977 the site residents

having tried without success to contact the owners, East Castle Investments, a company based in the Isle of Man, informed the owners agent, Walker Munro, a local solicitor that they were withholding rent until certain essential repairs were carried out, bringing the site up to standard. Since 24th June the rent has been paid into the Residents Association bank account. The electricity, however, continued to be paid in the usual way.

On the site each mobile home has its own electricity meter which is read each week by the Site Manager - at least it was until the supply was discontinued. The owners of the caravans then paid their elec-

tricity individually to the manager on top of their rent and this was noted in their rent books. This money was then to be forwarded to Munro for settlement of the account with the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

At the end of August 1977 the SSEB informed the residents that the supply was to be cut off for non-payment. A total of £850 was claimed to be owing. What happened to this money none of the caravan owners know for sure - they certainly have their suspicions but what we do know is that many people are having to struggle through winter on paraffin heaters and calor gas stoves.

It should be possible for the supply to be reconnected directly to the residents since it is not

they who are in debt to the SSEB but the Board now say they cannot reconnect the supply until the site is rewired at an approximate cost - to someone - of £15,000.

Appeals to the site owners and their agents, to the local council and the local MP, Jim Hamilton, have all been fruitless. The residents have now contacted the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties who are currently studying the matter.

Meanwhile the caravan owners and their families continue to freeze and an end to the affair is hard to see. It is further complicated by the fact that it appears that the council want everyone off the site by the end of March - they plan to 'redevelop' it into a play park - and the owners and their agents seem content to play out their time.

STUDENT PAPER ATTACKED

STRATHCLYDE TELEGRAPH the student paper of Strathclyde University, recently survived a threat to its existence.

On Tuesday 17th January, they received word from their printers, T. Buncle of Arbroath, that, following action instigated by the print union, S.O.G.A.T., their paper had been blacked.

The reason given was that TELEGRAPH was using non-unionised labour to lay-out and typeset the paper. Previously there had been an agreement with the National Union of Students which allowed for non-unionised exceptions to the usual closed shop rule. However Strathclyde voted to leave N.U.S. last year.

Telegraph

Ronnie Scott, Interim Director of Communications, stated on the 18th January that he was "disappointed that a non-profit making paper is having its' existence threatened" At the time he was pessimistic about the paper's likely survival and speculates that SOGAT could instigate further action against voluntary community papers.

Similar "blacking" moves against 'Feedback' paper at Paisley College of Technology and Dundee University student paper came to be dropped when it was pointed out that these institutions were still in N.U.S.

Within the next week, however, the situation has changed at Strathclyde. A solution was agreed with SOGAT whereby the 'Telegraph's' typesetter would become unionised (thus gaining a significant wage rise and a part-time lay-out artist, employed two days a fortnight.

This decision taken by the Student executive is not without its financial strings. The price of the paper is to go up by 2p to 7p (providing students council ratifies the decision). If sales stay the same an extra £350 a year could come in.

However this is only 10% of the additional costs and taking into account the fact that TELEGRAPH is heavily subsidised by advertising revenue, students are getting their paper at an artificial price.

DARNLEY ANGER GROWS

An "eruption" of Community feeling in Darnley is on the cards unless there is a 'marked improvement' in Council upkeep of the incompletely constructed estate.

Mr. Pat Donnelly of the Darnley Action Group blamed the Council for neglecting repair work, condensation, general amenities. The Regional study of MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (see the article below) lists Darnley as one of its' 45 areas. Mr. Donnelly stated that this ties in with the Council's attitude, which seems to be bent on ensuring that Darnley becomes an instant slum.

The modern consumer idea of 'built-in obsolescence' is O.K. if it is a car or some other electrical gadget, but in the case of a housing estate all sort of problems spring up.

From the outset, the estate has been rife with condensation. The Action Group carried out a complete survey of the area, which led in turn to Mr. Roy Henderson, Depute Director of Building inspecting the situation.

Action will be expected from the Council- immediately!

The state of general "disrepair" is also a sore point among Darnley tenants. The estate has been allowed to "run down and become the start of a slum", as Mr. Donnelly put it. In turn, with the tenants feeling like "they're banging their head against a brick wall", many "become apathetic" and so a vicious circle begins.

This was exactly the sort of problem that reports on MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION have highlighted. However the truth of the matter is, report or no report, the Council are repeating all their own mistakes, and it is Community Solidarity that suffers.

On the question of amenities, the tenants are also beginning to fight collectively.' The original plans for the estate, including the projected 'E' site, hang in the balance. Amenities such as a community centre, library, nursery etc. have failed to materialise. Even the shopping centre is less than half full.

As the Council is now unlikely to build a community centre, the tenants have gone ahead and drawn up their own plans for a social club centre. The building would be financed by the breweries.

However, the Estates Dept. of the Council are effectively acting to block the tenants' application for a piece of waste ground.

A Darnley action group has been formed to campaign for the area: c/o Pat Donnelly, 25/1 Glenclunie, Darnley.

The Department are asking for a Sliding-Scale of Rent, Rising from £3000 in the first year to £4500 and £7500 the following years. The tenants see this as completely unreasonable in the light of the Council's failure to provide the Community Centre in the original plans.

Clubs for the over-sixties, youths
and karate enthusiasts are presently
making do in less than perfect cir-
cumstances.

On the issue of the library, the tenants have again had to go it alone. They have set up their own self-managed community library.

Council Nursery provisions also compare badly with the initial promises. Instead of a nursery school, they have a nursery class as an annexe to the primary school. A comprehensive survey carried out by the Action Group has revealed a definite need for a more extensive provision.

The Job Creation Community Worker, who operates from the Community Flat is also not going to be replaced.



The Action Group are holding a special meeting on the 6th of February at 7.30 in the Primary School.

Darnley, of course, shouldn't have to be in the position of competing for council resources with other estates. The tenants have demonstrated that they are not ready to become victims of Council neglect.



MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION is one of the key words in the Strathclyde Region. What it means, in fact, is that one thing after another is being under provided by the authorities.

In the past they tended to try and convince individuals that 'it was all their fault' but this doesn't go down too well in the world today. Instead, plans for a 'CORPORATE APPROACH' are drawn up by the all powerful region.

multiple deprivation.

This attempts so - called 'progressive' forward planning by specialists who will ensure a more integrated assault on all the cases of bad planning that have gone before - high rise flats being a recent example.

While many of the reports appear impressive and very convincing in their analysis of how the cards are stacked against working people in Clydeside, the real test comes when they are put into practice.

Large-scale projects such as in Priesthill, Maryhill and the more publicised East end renewal programme will be coming under the critical appraisal of the G.P.P. in the near future.

ONE THING IS SURE, despite all the fine rhetoric and promises of money being redirected back into these areas, you can be certain most of it will be eaten up by business men and the provision of more government control.

After all, it is not in their interests for people to assert any real control over their own lives.

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April 2nd. FARES RISE AGAIN

You could almost hear the groans of dismay from Glasgow people when it was announced that the fares were to go up again.

From 18p to 20p.
From 26p to 28p
(No change in the transcard.)

What is the Passenger Transport Executive up to. If the Fares go up any more then only executives will be able to afford to travel on the buses.

BAD DEAL

The PTE admitted that the people in the schemes had got a "bad deal".

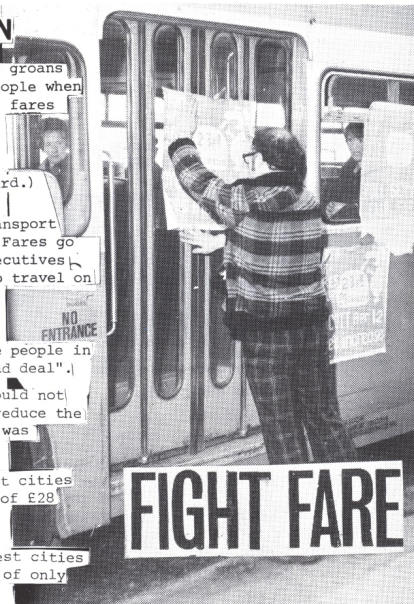
They told us that they could not increase the service or reduce the fares unless the subsidy was increased.

London, one of the richest cities in Europe, got a subsidy of £28 million last year.

Glasgow, one of the poorest cities in Europe, got a subsidy of only £2.5 million.

The buses get about 1/3 of the subsidy (10 million this year), but none of this is used directly to keep the fares low. Some of it is used for the OAP and Juvenile subsidies and the rest is used to pay of old debts.

The Unions claim that the debt was accumulated by bad management and overspending on the executive level - too many chiefs and not enough indians.



Closing and maintaining Bridgeton. Garage is supposed to have cost £60,000. The plush new premises in Bath St cost £71,000 - totally unnecessary.

Dozens of new executive posts were created last year. The PTE claim that their administration has improved as a result. Try telling that to someone who has been waiting half an hour for a bus on a cold morning.

The PTE knows very well that everytime they put the fares up fewer people use the buses and the amount of Fare dodging increases.

They have mounted a publicity campaign aimed at scaring people into paying the full fare.

FREE BUSES

We asked the PTE what they thought of Free bus service.

They told us it would not be viable as too many people would want to use the buses and they could not afford the extra buses - despite a government subsidy of £15,000 per bus.

FAIR FARES.

The Fair Fares Campaign are trying to gather evidence to present to the public hearing on Wednesday, March 22.

Anyone with information or who wishes to help contact them through THE SOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE.

Never too late to Learn !

In today's world the ideology of competition and ruthless individualism has had profound effects on the treatment of people for whom the ageing process is well advanced. Unless they are 'well heeled', middle-class beneficiaries of the system, the coming of old age brings problems on two levels. There is the persistent worry of bodily comfort, trying to cope financially and health-wise with stresses brought on by inadequate community care. Equally important, however, there is the question of what to do with the time that retirement bequeaths.

The Workers Educational Association is offering a service as an aid to stimulating educational interest in the aged members of the community.

Starting from the basic 'Living in Retirement' introductory course, follow-up course concentrate on History, Current Affairs and other subjects of general interest. There is an informal liaison with Glasgow

Retirement Council which operates a pre-retirement scheme.

The W.E.A. is run on a self-organised basis as far as all these courses are concerned. The service is primarily educational and the social activities are a by-product of OAPs coming together. This contrast which is evident when you look at the practice of such groups as Age Concern, who operate out of community centres and often church's, - a network of clubs which are more disposed to distributing tea than offering stimulus of a mental nature.

In the past 'Brains Trusts' run as an entertainment in the clubs have generally failed to carry on.

The W.E.A. also involves itself in Adult Literacy work (especially significant in the Kilmarnock and Argyll areas) & also Health and Safety courses for shop-stewards on a day-release basis. Funding is in

in the form of an organisational grant from the Region's Education Department, which also pays the fees of tutors. By establishing courses in 45 of the listed 'multiple deprivation' areas, the association qualifies for fees exemptions. Exemptions also apply for OAP centred courses.

In areas like Rutherglen, with enrollments for courses reaching the 200 mark each week, the W.E.A. plays a very important role in making life a continuous educational experience.

For details of your local W.E.A. activities,

you should get in touch with Alison West at the office: Tel-332.0176.

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POWER -OR LIBERTY?

On Friday November 4th, the enquiry into British Nuclear Fuel's application to build a £660m. reprocessing plant at Windscale in Cumbria finally closed.

B.N.F.L., a company wholly owned by the Atomic Energy Authority, argued that the new plant is necessary to reprocess a backlog of spent fuel stored at Windscale, and vital if Britain isn't to be left out of the competition for foreign reprocessing orders.

It is an integral part of A.E.A.'s vision of the future: supplying plutonium to fast-breeder reactors, which, it claims, are the only way to forestall the "energy gap" due to occur around the end of the century.

Opponents of the application fear that, if it is successful, subsequent attempts to halt the Fast Breeder will be less effective. The most powerful voice raised in opposition came from the *Friends of the Earth*, who realistically contented themselves with challenging BNFL's economic assumptions and energy calculations, and pointed out that the problems of waste management, and weapons proliferation were unsolved and probably insoluble.

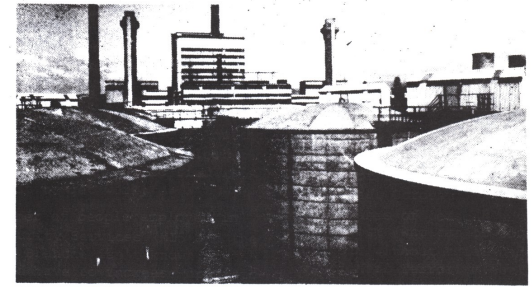
However, in spite of their efforts, and those of the other objectors, it seems likely that Mr. Justice Parker will recommend the go-ahead for the project in his decision.

ASSURANCE

At the start of the enquiry he ruled out evidence on the desirability of a Fast Breeder programme in anticipation of an assurance, since given, by the Dept. of the Environment, that there will be some sort of an enquiry when the first application for a Fast Breeder is received.

This ruled out consideration of the safeguarding of civil liberty in a plutonium, etc., on the grounds that these will be dealt with at the future enquiry. But will they?

As the counsel for the *National Council for Civil Liberties* said in his closing speech: Plutonium could never be made safe, only relatively safe by infringement of civil liberties. The severity of these infringements will be determined by the extent of security measures deemed necessary in the future- and by definition the public cannot be allowed to know the details of these security measures. So, inquiry or no inquiry, it seems



Barring leaks, radioactive wastes from the reprocessing plant at Windscale are kept in these storage tanks until their radioactivity is deemed to be at an acceptable level.

that we will be asked to accept the Fast Breeder on trust.

INFRINGEMENTS

We can, however, look at some of the measures thought to be necessary to protect our current embryonic Fast Breeder programme, and try to get a general picture of a future society dependant on Fast Breeders and Plutonium, and in which theft and malicious use of plutonium, sabotage, of nuclear plants, and disruption of electricity supplies would amount to a major disaster.

At present there is a strict embargo on information relating to movement of Plutonium in the U.K. on grounds of National Security. Parliamentary questions on the subject aren't answered. The existing mechanisms for suppression of information (like the Official Secrets Acts and D- notices) could probably be stretched to include an ever-widening definition of National Security. Already a national newspaper has been threatened because of an article relating to construction work at Windscale.

The present system of 'positive vetting' (investigation of the political affiliations and friends, and surveillance) of most staff at AEA establishments would almost certainly have to be extended to Central Electricity Generating Board employees who have access to information on storage and transport of plutonium. This would involve tens of thousands of workers and their families. And the vettings are secret. A nuclear worker failing one would find it difficult to get work.

The number of people employed in the Security Services (MI5 and the Special Branch) isn't known, but it would have to increase dramatically to cope with worker surveillance.

STRIKE

The right to strike is likely to be withdrawn from nuclear workers in a society which couldn't allow shut-down of its energy supplies for fear of the consequences. A seven week strike and picket at Windscale last summer was broken, following veiled threats of the use of troops. It is unlikely that Trade Union Safety Representatives would be allowed access to safety information or details of hazards and accidents if these disclosures were deemed against "national security". Surveillance of political and environmentalist groups would also be increased.

POLICE

The AEA has its' own police force, which currently numbers around 400 men, who mainly guard the four main AEA/BNFL installations (Harwell, Winfrith, Dounreay, and Windscale). At current estimates, by the year 2005, Britain will have 50 Fast Breeders and Thermal Reactors. If 50 police per institution are assumed, this gives a figure of 5000 police. They are allowed to carry automatic weapons, to engage in "hot pursuit" (without search warrants?) and to arrest on suspicion. The Home Secretary has a very indirect responsibility for their actions.

To forestall nuclear terrorism, the civil police force may be allowed general search warrants and powers of forced evacuation of a large area. The Flowers Report also foresees possible restrictions on the right of free assembly and suspension of Habeas Corpus.

In cases of persons suspected of terrorism (who can of course already be held without trial under the Prevention of Terrorism Act), the temptation to obtain forced information

Police Complaints

The investigation of complaints is *primarily* the responsibility of the police themselves. *However*, if your complaint contains an allegation that a police officer committed a criminal offence (for example, that a police officer assaulted you) the police must refer the complaint to the Procurator Fiscal. This is because in Scotland it is the Procurator Fiscal who is responsible for the investigation of all crimes and offences, and for deciding whether a prosecution should be brought.

THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED THEN DEPENDS ON WHETHER YOUR COMPLAINT CONTAINS AN ALLEGATION THAT A POLICE OFFICER HAS COMMITTED A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

IF IT DOES :

It may be useful to send a copy of your complaint to the local Procurator Fiscal. You can get his address from the telephone book.

The Deputy Chief Constable will order inquiries to be made and will send a report to the Procurator Fiscal who will himself instruct any further inquiries which he thinks are necessary. At this stage you will be interviewed by a police officer acting on behalf of the Deputy Chief Constable or the Procurator Fiscal. (See notes on *The Interview*, below.)

After consultation with the Crown Office the Procurator Fiscal will decide whether the police officer should be prosecuted. The prosecution will take place in an ordinary criminal court, and you will probably be required to attend as a witness to give evidence.

Whatever the outcome of the referral of the complaint to the Procurator Fiscal there may be further inquiries by the police to determine whether there has been a breach of police discipline. If this happens, the procedure to be followed is basically the same as if the original complaint had contained no allegations of criminal offences.

The referral of a complaint to the Procurator Fiscal does not prevent internal disciplinary proceedings being taken against a police officer at a later stage—even if no prosecution is brought.

Before you make a complaint, you may wish to seek the advice of either a solicitor, or the SCCL, or both. If you decide to proceed with a complaint on your own, the following information and advice should help you.

Preliminary—

You should proceed as soon as possible after the events giving rise to the complaint.

You can make a complaint in person at any police station, but it is better to send a detailed statement of your complaint to the Chief Constable of the police force concerned. You can get his address from your local police station, Citizens' Advice Bureau or Town Hall.

Keep a copy of your letter of complaint.

Your complaint will be recorded, and passed to the Deputy Chief Constable.

IF IT DOES NOT :

The Deputy Chief Constable will appoint a senior police officer (who may be from another police force) to conduct an investigation.

The investigating officer will want to interview you, unless your complaint contained an allegation of a criminal offence; in this case you will probably have been interviewed already.

The Interview.

You may be asked to go to a police station, but you can ask to have the interview in your own home or at a solicitor's office.

It would be useful to have a friend or relative with you while you are being interviewed.

At the interview you will be asked to make a statement. Make sure that the final written statement reflects exactly what you want to say and that it includes all the matters you wish to complain about.

Ask for a copy of the statement to be read and given to you.

Do not sign the statement if you are not satisfied with it. Give the police the names and addresses of any witnesses so that they can be interviewed as well.

Make sure that your witnesses keep copies of their statements.

When the investigation is complete, a report will be prepared for the Deputy Chief Constable. This report is confidential, so you will not be allowed to see it. If the report concludes—

That the complaint was not justified
you will be informed by letter.

That the complaint was justified
the Deputy Chief Constable must decide whether to charge the police officer with a disciplinary offence.

If he considers the matter trivial
he may arrange for the police officer to be given a warning. You will probably receive a written apology.

Otherwise

the police officer will be charged with a disciplinary offence, and a disciplinary hearing will be held before the Chief Constable. You will be notified that this step has been taken. You will also be notified of the hearing, as you have the right to attend. Probably you will be called as a witness.

At the hearing

You may be present only while evidence is being given,

except that

You may not be present to hear witnesses who have given evidence before you do, and

you may be required to leave if confidential matters are being dealt with or if you behave in a disorderly manner.

You may not take part in the proceedings in any way except to give your own evidence.

If the disciplinary charge is proved

you will be told of this result, but not the penalty imposed on the police officer.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR COMPLAINT

You can also follow up your official complaint by sending copies of your statement to your MP and to the SCCL. It may be unwise to make a public statement because a police officer who feels that your statement is defamatory of him may bring a civil action against you for damages. If you are in any doubt as to what to do, consult the SCCL.

WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE

If you wish to make a complaint about police conduct in your case, *wherever possible take legal advice* before making your complaint. Your case may be prejudiced by complaining at the wrong time, and if you do wait until your trial before complaining the court may not take a sympathetic view of your complaint. If you do complain about the conduct of the police in your case, investigation into the complaint will not usually take place until after your case has been dealt with in case the investigation of the complaint in any way prejudices your trial.

SUING THE POLICE

If you have been wrongly arrested, imprisoned or assaulted you may have grounds for suing the police for damages (a civil action).

Always take legal advice, and remember

Legal aid may be available.

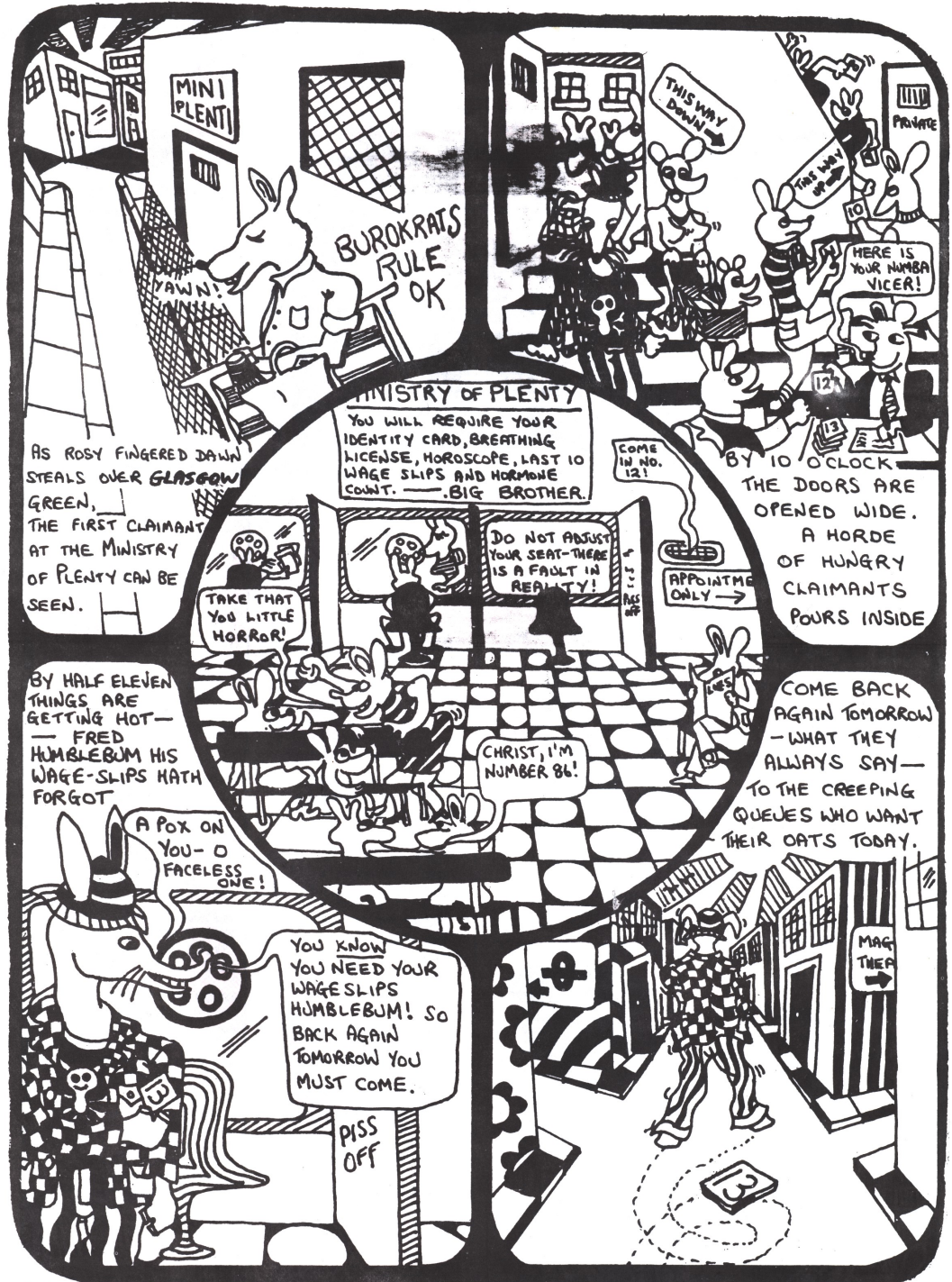
You do not always need to identify the police officer(s) concerned because the Chief Constable is liable for the wrongful acts of his officers.

You may bring civil proceedings instead of making a formal complaint or after making an unsuccessful complaint. But if you intend to sue the police, do not make a formal complaint in detail; merely state in writing your intention to make a complaint later and *take legal advice*.

FINALLY

This Fact Sheet is based on the law contained in the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 and in Regulations made under that Act. If you believe that the procedures are not being properly followed, either by the police or the Procurator Fiscal, please inform the SCCL. You may also wish to notify your MP.







EXHIBITIONS:-

WILL McLEAN: 'Ring net Fishing'.
JOHN BELLAMY: 'Etchings' (in the foyer).
B. & H. BECHER's: 'photo display of pit-heads from Germany'.
All finish on 4th March

MUSAK:-

THE VALVES - 10th Feb.
CHOU PARROT (with FLAT OUT - putty rock) - 17th
SIMPLE MINDS - 24th Feb

All concerts @ 8p.m.

GIFT

7-4 Feb: 'ROMEO & JULIET' - ZEPHERLEI.

6th Feb: 'TRUE NATURE OF BERNADETTE'.
7th Feb: 'PARIS BLUES' & live band.
8-11th: 'IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER'.
13th: 'Le GRAND ROCK' - CANADA.
14th: 'SCOTTISH JAZZ ORCHESTRA'.
15-18: 'THIEVES LIKE US' - ALTMAN.
20th: 'Le TEMPS D'une CHASSE'.
21st: 'The CONNECTION' & live JAZZ with the Howard Riley Trio.
22-25th: 'LUCKY LUCIANO' - Rod Steiger.
27th: 'DLE MARQUISE VON O'.
28th - 1st March: 'UNE SOIR, UN TRAIN' and 'RENDEVOUS AT BRAY'.

FURTHER INFORMATION & BOOKINGS, TEL: 332 9988

7% of the Population owns 84% of the Wealth:

The 7.84 Theatre company are playing the following gigs

11th Feb: Clydebank Town Hall
16th Feb: Glasgow Tech.
21st Feb: Glasgow Art College
22nd Feb: Murray Hall in East
23rd Feb: Kilbride.
13th - 18th March: Citizens.

The play 'His Masters Voice' is the tale of a young punk rocker against the media. We will review the play in next months Press.



FORUM FOLK CLUB

BRUCE HOTEL, EAST KILBRIDE

Feb 1st: JIM KNIGHT
Feb 8th: DAVE WALTERS
Feb 15th: LATE DEVELOPERS
Feb 22nd: SINGERS NIGHT
Mar 1st: TINKER MAIDIE

THE SOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE



046-3676

GRYPS youth information and advice centre is at 146 HOLLAND ST., (off Sauchiehall St.) 332 5150

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, contraception, birth control, sexuality, etc. 2 CLAREMONT TERRACE, Telephone 332 9144

GLASGOW WOMENS CENTRE, For Abortion Campaign, feminist lit., Womens refuge etc. 221 1177 57 MILLER ST., G1.

V.D. INFORMATION SERVICE Telephone 429 5976 (24hrs)

CLAIMANTS UNIONS: there are now six claimants unions in Glasgow, serving Partick, Possilpark, Castlemilk, Maryhill, Hillhead and Barr-owfield. For contact address Telephone 336 4437.

QUEENS X ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND YOUTH CLUB needs volunteers, wood, paint, if you think you might be able to help us contact Margarita or Dave anytime at the club

SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES: is now at 146 HOLLAND ST. G2 Telephone 332 9960

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY: (Gartreth, etc) Peter, 035 52 27032

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: c/o Neil and Hillary, Stamper, 54 Carnarvon St. Telephone 332 6295.

SCI-FI FAN GROUP: meets Thursday at 8.30 in the Lounge of Wintersgills, in Gt. Western Rd.

IF THE CAP FITS



YOUR HEAD IS TOO THICK

OR TRYING TO BE AN ANARCHIST

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION: organising to achieve an anarchist alternative to the authoritarian left. They meet at 43 Lillybank Gardens.

GLASGOW FREE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION: If you are interested in finding out what free schools are all about, contact: Charlie Baird, 122 Berneray Street, G22. Phone 336 7895

SCOTTISH IMMIGRANT LABOUR COUNCIL: affirms it's support and solidarity with the campaign against racism in Scotland and total opposition to all racist organisations such as the national front. S.I.L.C., c/o 83 Carlton Place, G5.

JAGSMAG: SEDITIONARY FITBA MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO THE METEORIC CAREER OF PARTICK THISTLE F.C. 93 John St.

ZERO, BLACK FLAG, OPEN ROAD, SOLIDARITY, LIB. EDUCATIO & FREEDOM - & many other items of ANARCHIST literature are available from:- C. Baird, 122 Berneray St., Milton, G1W G22. or telephone 336 7895

SCOTTISH CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: Telephone 942 1099.

GLASGOW WHOLEFOODS CO-OPERATIVE: ARTS CENTRE, WASHINGTON ST, (opp. ANDERSON X, bus station).

SCOTTISH LIBERTARIAN FEDERATION: unites libertarian socialists and anarchists in Scotland. Contact:- C. Baird, 122 Berneray St., Milton, G1W G22.

PENNY ADS COLUMN: for all sales and wants, swaps, personal etc.

WANTED: A pair of hill-walking boots size 8, Box number 1, G.P.P.

WANTED: Second-hand radio/cassette player. Box number 2, G.P.P.

FOR SALE: Unusual set of records, 3rd Ear, Gracious, Floyd, etc. Phone 946 3676.

FOR SALE: Victorian bedpan, ceramic, very Kitch. No panhandles.

WANTED:- A lift to France around the beginning of September, for two people - will share expenses. Box No 4. G.P.P.

GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS WANT YOUR OLD GEAR FOR A JUMBLE SALE GIVE US A BUZZ AT 946 3676.

ANYONE interested in a bookshop, cafe, information centre. Or do you know of suitable premises please get in touch with me: Paul - 334 8793.

WE ARE a group of people trying to set up a free school, we need your help with donations of kids books, pencils, crayons, paper, etc. Box no. 3

ANY COMMUNICATION TO THE PAPER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:- Box G.P.P., 146 HOLLAND STREET, GLW, G2 4NG.